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**Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
granted Observer Status with the
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

INVITATION TO THE 45TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
13TH TO 27TH MAY 2009

I have the honour to invite all Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) granted observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to the 45th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights which is scheduled to take place in the **Republic of The Gambia from 13th to 27th May, 2009.**

As usual, NGOs are expected to bear the travel and accommodation expenses relating to the participation of their representative(s).

The Preliminary Registration Form is available at the website of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights: <http://www.achpr.org>, and should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by 20th April 2009 at the latest.

The Information Note to participants and the Draft Agenda of the Session will also be posted on the website in due course.

Participants coming from countries outside the ECOWAS are advised to **obtain visas before travelling to The Gambia.** Those coming from countries in which the Republic of The Gambia does not have diplomatic representation will be issued visas upon arrival at Banjul International Airport, or at other points of entry, upon presentation of this letter of invitation to the Session.

Participants are also advised to take the necessary vaccinations, and to travel with their vaccination cards.

NGOs wishing to speak on any of the Agenda Items are strictly advised to inform the Secretariat of the African Commission in advance, and to **submit** their papers/contributions to the latter not later than two (2) weeks prior to the Session. This is a pre-requisite for being granted permission to speak during the Sessions. Please kindly note that only NGOs with Observer Status will be allowed to take the floor before the Commission.

Looking forward to seeing you in Banjul,



Secretary to the African Commission