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The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of Member States of the African Union, and has the honour to invite the Member States to the 44th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, which will take place in **Abuja, Nigeria, from 10th to 24th November 2008.**

The Draft Agenda of the Session is herewith attached.

The Secretariat would like to receive, as soon as possible, the composition of State delegations and their expected dates of arrival in and departure from Abuja, Nigeria. This is especially the case with regards to those countries that will be represented by Ministers, as this will facilitate provision of the requisite courtesies. In that regard, the Preliminary Registration Form, which is herewith attached, should be completed and returned to the Secretariat, 20th October 2008 at the latest.

As usual, travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by Member States.

For information necessary for delegates' participation at this Session, please refer to the Information Note to Participants at the website of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights: <http://www.achpr.org> .

Delegates coming from countries outside the ECOWAS, are required to **obtain visas before travelling to Nigeria.** Those who do not have diplomatic representation of Nigeria in their countries will be issued visas upon arrival at Murtala Mohammed International Airport, or at other points of entry, upon presentation of the letter inviting them to the Session.

Delegates are strongly advised to take the necessary vaccinations, and travel with their vaccination cards.

The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of Member States of the African Union, the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs
of all Member States of the African Union**

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