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The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Secretariat) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of Member States of the African Union, and has the honour to invite the Member States to the 46th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), which will take place in the **Republic of The Gambia, from 11- 25 November 2009.**

The Secretariat kindly requests the composition of State delegations and their expected dates of arrival and departure from Banjul, The Gambia. This is especially the case with regard to those countries that will be represented at Ministerial level, to facilitate provision of the requisite courtesies.

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

The preliminary registration form is available at the website of the ACHPR: <http://www.achpr.org> and should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by 20 October 2009 at the latest.

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

Delegates coming from countries outside the ECOWAS region are advised to **obtain visas before traveling to The Gambia.** Arrangements are being made for delegates coming from countries in which the Republic of The Gambia does not have diplomatic representation to 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.

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

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



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

cc : Embassies of AU Member States in The Gambia
 Embassies of AU Member States in Senegal
 Embassies of AU Member States in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia