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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 45th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, which will take place in the **Republic of The Gambia, from 13th to 27th May 2009.**

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 Banjul, The Gambia. This is especially the case with regards to those countries that will be represented by Ministers, as this will help the host Government facilitate provision of the requisite courtesies.

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

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.

Delegates 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.

Delegates are strongly advised to take the necessary vaccinations, and to 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**

Cc: Embassies of Member States of the A.U. in The Gambia
Embassies of Member States of the A.U. in Senegal
Embassies of Member States of the A.U. in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

