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The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Secretariat) presents its compliments to all 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 63<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) that is scheduled to be held from **24<sup>th</sup> October to 13 November 2018**, at the Headquarters of the Commission in Banjul, the Republic of The Gambia.

In that regard, the Secretariat kindly requests that information regarding the composition of State delegations and their expected dates of arrival and departure, to and from, Banjul be provided as soon as possible to enable firming up of logistics with the Host Government. This is especially the case in relation to those Member States that will be represented at the ministerial level, to facilitate provision of the requisite courtesies.

As usual, States Parties are expected to bear the costs of the participation of their respective delegations.

The Preliminary Registration Form is available on the website of the ACHPR: [www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org). It should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by **10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**, at the latest. The Information Note and the Draft Agenda of the Public Session will be uploaded on the website of the African Commission in due course.

Delegations coming from countries which are not exempted from entry visa to the Republic of The Gambia are advised to **obtain visas before travelling to The Gambia**. In that regard, 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 the Airport, or at other points of entry, upon the presentation of this Note Verbale.

**Delegates are exhorted to take the necessary vaccinations, and to travel with their vaccination cards.**

Delegations wishing to speak on any of the Agenda Items are required to inform the Secretariat of the Commission in advance, and to **deposit 3 copies of the statements** they intend to make with the Secretariat prior to taking the floor.

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

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



Banjul, 21 September 2018.