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**INVITATION TO THE 65TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION**

**21ST OCTOBER TO 10TH NOVEMBER 2019**

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 65th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) which is scheduled to take place in Banjul, The Gambia.

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 Commission: [http://www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org) and should be completed and returned to the Secretariat, together with the copy of the Bio page of the Passport of each participant from your organisation **not later than 2 October 2019**.

Participants coming from countries which require entry visa to The Gambia are advised to **obtain visas before travelling to The Gambia**. For those who do not have Embassies or diplomatic representation of The Gambia in their countries of residence, measures shall be taken by the Host Government to facilitate the issuance of visas upon arrival in The Gambia, provided they have submitted their Registration forms and scanned copies of their Passport bio data pages to the Secretariat of the Commission as requested.

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

**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 required to register with the Secretariat of the Commission in advance, and also **deposit 3 copies** of the statement they wish to make with the Secretariat. 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.

**Sincerely,**

Dr. Mary Maboreke

Secretary to the Commission