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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 65th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) that is scheduled to be held from 21st October to 10th November 2019 in Banjul, 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, The Gambia be provided as soon as possible to enable firming up of logistics with relevant authorities in The Gambia. 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 is herewith attached. It should be completed and returned to the Secretariat, together with a scanned copy of the Bio page of the Passport/travel document of the delegate(s) by 14th October 2019, at the latest.

The Information Note and the Draft Agenda of the Public Session will be uploaded on the website of the African Commission http://www.achpr.org in due course.

Delegations 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.

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.

Banjul, 12th September 2019.

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

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