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 55th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) which will take place in Luanda, the Republic of Angola, from 28th April to 12th May 2014.

In that regard, the Secretariat kindly requests the composition of State delegations and their expected dates of arrival and departure, to and from, Luanda as soon as possible. This is especially the case in relation 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: www.achpr.org and should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by 4 April 2014, at the latest.

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

Delegates are required to obtain visas before travelling to Luanda. Arrangements are being made for delegates coming from countries in which the Republic of Angola does not have diplomatic representation, to be issued visas upon arrival at the Luanda International Airport, and presentation of the following:

i) Personalized letter of Invitation to the Session, duly signed by the Secretary to the Commission;
ii) Two (2) Passport-size photographs; and
iii) Identification Travel document / Passport - visa fees may apply.

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 Peoples’ Rights avail 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, 25 February 2014

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

cc: - Ministries of Justice of all AU Member States
- Embassies of AU Member States in The Gambia
- Embassies of AU Member States in Senegal
- Embassies of AU Member States in Ethiopia