The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Secretariat) presents its compliments to all the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Affairs/External Relations of Member States of the African Union, and has the honour to inform the Member States that the 58th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) will take place at the Headquarters of the Commission in Banjul, Islamic Republic of The Gambia, from 6 to 20 April 2016, and to invite them to attend the same.

In that regard, the Secretariat kindly requests the composition of State delegations and their expected dates of arrival and departure, to and from, Banjul 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 hereto attached, and also available at the website of the ACHPR: www.achpr.org, should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by 25 March 2016, at the latest.

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

Delegates coming from countries outside the ECOWAS region are advised to obtain visas before travelling to The Gambia. Arrangements are being made for delegates coming from countries in which The Gambia does not have diplomatic representation, to be issued visas upon arrival at the Airport, or at other points of entry, upon presentation of this letter of invitation to the Session.

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 avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Affairs/External Relations of Member States of the African Union, the assurance of its highest consideration.

Banjul, 2 March 2016

Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External 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 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia