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INVITATION TO THE 60TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
8TH TO 22ND MAY 2017

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 60th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) which is scheduled to take place in Niamey, Niger, from 8 to 22 May 2017.

As usual, NGOs are expected to bear the travel and accommodation expenses relating to the participation of their representative(s).

The Preliminary Registration Form hereto attached and also available at the website of the Commission: http://www.achpr.org and should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by 21 April 2017, at the latest.

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

Participants are advised to obtain visas before travelling to Niger. Participants who do not have Niger diplomatic representations in their countries of residence, who envisage challenges with regard to boarding flights on their way to Niger without visa, are requested to send their registration forms accompanied with copies of their passports and their itineraries along with their email addresses to MereR@africa-union.org, at least 10 working days ahead of their due arrival dates for expedited processing. A 'provisional visa' will be issued and sent by Niger authorities to the participants by email. Participants who prefer visas to be issued to them on arrival are required to send in their Registration forms as usual adhering to the given deadline for submission of registration forms, to enable the Secretariat to prepare the provisional list of participants and forward to the Niger authorities in Niamey for timely processing and issuance of visas on arrival.

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 advised to inform the Secretariat of the Commission in advance. 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.

Looking forward to seeing you in Niamey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Maboreke
Secretary to the Commission