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All National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Africa

INVITATION TO THE 79TH ORDINARY SESSION (HYBRID) OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)

14th MAY TO 3RD JUNE 2024

BANJUL, REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

I have the honour to inform all National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Africa, that the 79th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) would take place in hybrid format at Banjul, Republic of The Gambia from 14th May to 3rd June 2024, and that they are invited to participate in the Public Session scheduled to be held from 14th May – 24th May 2024 in (hybrid format) and the closing ceremony in (hybrid format) on 3rd June 2024.

As this Ordinary Session will be held in Hybrid format, please note that only members of the Commission and staff of its Secretariat will physically attend the Session in Banjul, The Gambia; while all other participants will attend the Session online using the Zoom link to be provided. Accordingly, all interested stakeholders are kindly requested to register for participation in the Session, using the link provided and within the deadline given.

The Preliminary Registration Form can be filled out online on the African Commission's website at https://achpr.au.int under the section "News and Media - Upcoming Events - 79th Ordinary Session". Kindly complete and return it to the Secretariat at achpr.session@africa-union.org, no later than 10 April 2024. A Notice with further guidelines on the Session and an Information Note have been uploaded on the same section. The draft Agenda of the Public Session will follow shortly.

NHRIs wishing to speak on any of the Agenda Items are required to inform the Secretariat of the Commission in advance, and to upload their intended statements using the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/EszfryN8zE; statements may also be e-mailed to richardsc@africa-union.org and achpr.session@africa-union.org as soon as possible, as this is a pre-requisite for taking the floor.

The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights looks forward to your virtual participation in the Session.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards

Ag. Executive Secretary to the Commission

