Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We have the pleasure to invite you to participate at the

**Fifth European meeting**

**of National Institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights**

which will take place in **Berlin, Germany**

after the Third roundtable of European national institutions for human rights

and the Council of Europe,

**on Friday November 26th and Saturday November 27th**

Please find enclosed the agenda of the meeting. The working languages will be French and English.

We are looking forward to seeing you in November.

With our best regards,

Heiner Bielefeldt
Director
Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte

Joël Thoraval
President
Commission Nationale Consultative des Droits de l’Homme
Chairman of the European Coordinating Group of National Institutions
for the promotion and protection of Human Rights
Friday 26 November

15h – 16h
- Presentation of the activity report of the European coordinating group of NHRIs
  *French National Advisory Commission for Human Rights (CNCDH)*
- General debate

16h-16h15
Procedural matters:
  1/ election of the four members of the European coordinating committee
  2/ election, among those four, of the president of the European group
  3/ appointment of the representative of the accreditation committee of the ICC
  4/ formation of a drafting group for the resolutions of the 5th regional meeting of NHRIs

16h15-16h30
Coffee break

16h30 -17h30
Discussion on the relationship of the European NHRIs with the liaison office which was created within the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe; and on the involvement of NHRIs with the human rights bodies of the Council of Europe
  
  *Speakers: Mr. Alvaro Gil-Robles, Commissioner for Human Rights*
  *A member of the DG I or DG II section of the Council of Europe*

17h30-18h30
Exchange of views on the cooperation of NHRIs with the UN High Commission for Human Rights
  
  *Speaker: Mr. Orest Nowosad, head of the National Institutions Unit of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights*

20h
Dinner in Restaurant “Käfer” on top of the Reichstag
Saturday 27 November

9h-10h
Exchange of views on the cooperation of NHRIs with the OSCE
   Speaker: Ambassador Christian Strohal, director of the Office for Democratic
   Institutions and Human Rights of the OSCE (ODIHR)

10h-12h
Exchange of views on the cooperation of NHRIs with the future Human Rights agency within the
European Union in Vienna
   Speakers: - Mr. Alain Brun, head of the C-3 Unit of the Directorate-General for Justice
   and Home Affairs of the European Commission
   - Mrs. Beate Winkler, Director of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and
   Xenophobia
   Guest: Professor Olivier de Schutter, coordinator of the EU Network of Experts on
   Fundamental Rights

12h-12h30
Coffee break

12h30-13h
- Adoption of the resolutions of the meeting
- Closing speech

15h-18h
Optional visit to the memorial “Topography of Terror” and the Jewish Museum