



INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROMOTION AND
PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ICC)

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Dear ICC Member,

RE: 2009 Subscription Fees for the ICC

As you know, over the past twelve months the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) has been working towards consolidating and formalizing its organizational structure, in order to strengthen its capacity to more effectively meet the needs and goals of its members.

At the 20th Session of the ICC, held in Geneva in April 2008, members agreed that the ICC should become a legal entity capable of receiving and expending funds. A Statute for the ICC was developed, which established the ICC as a non-profit Association under Swiss law. At the 21st Session of the ICC, held in Nairobi in October 2008, a resolution was passed so that *all* A-Status institutions would become members of the new Association.

To support the ICC to successfully carry out its mandate, Article 33 of the Statute provides that the Association may levy a subscription fee to be paid by members. In line with this Article, in Nairobi last year ICC members resolved that the subscription fee would be set at €3,200 EURO (or \$5,000 USD) for the year commencing January 2009.

To this end, please find attached an invoice for your institution for the 2009 subscription fee. We would be most grateful to receive payment within 21 days.

Article 47 of the Statute provides that, in exceptional circumstances the ICC Bureau may waive the subscription fee (in whole or in part) if satisfied that a member is unable to pay the full amount due. If you consider this to be the case for your institution, please provide the Bureau with all relevant supporting documentation within 21 days.

Should you have any questions regarding this payment, please do not hesitate to contact the names indicated at the bottom of the invoice.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson, ICC