## <u>Call for applications for OHCHR lump sum grants</u> to the Durban regional preparatory meeting

## Abuja, Nigeria, 24-26 August 2008

In line with the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference (PC. 1/12) requesting the High Commissioner to revitalize the voluntary fund for the Durban Review Conference to cover expenses related to the preparatory process, including the participation of NGOs, and taking into account the current amount of funds available to OHCHR for the purpose, the Office will provide limited funding to support the participation of selected NGO representatives to the upcoming regional meetings.

In this regard, OHCHR wishes to inform **NGOs** that a lump sum of up to U\$2,000 per NGO will be provided to support their participation in this Durban regional preparatory meeting.

## How to apply?

NGOs interested in applying for travel grants to participate in the regional meeting in Abuja (Nigeria), to be held from 24 to 26 August 2008, should fill in the relevant application form Particular care should be taken when filling out section III of the application, by outlining Durban-related activities carried out by the applying organization.

The application form, duly signed and dated, should be sent to OHCHR's Anti-Discrimination Unit, by email (adusecretariat@ohchr.org) and/or by fax (+41 22 928 90 50) by **Monday 28 July**.

Selected NGOs will be contacted as swiftly as possible before the regional meeting by the Secretariat of the regional meeting, with a view to effecting payment *in-situ* at the regional meeting.

For further information, requests or clarifications regarding the application process, please contact Mr. Richard Clarke, Anti-Discrimination Unit, rclarke@ohchr.org, or by fax on +41 22 928 98 50.