**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES
WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
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**The Executive Council,**

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;

**2. APPROVES:**

i) **to the post of Member of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit for the period 2018-2022,** during elections scheduled for November 2016, the candidature of Mrs. Sukai Prom-Jackson of the Islamic Republic of The Gambia;

ii) **to the post of Member of the United Nations International Law Commission** for the period 2017-2021, during elections scheduled on the occasion of the 71st regular session of the UN General Assembly in 2016, the candidature of:

**• Dr *Ahmed Laraba,*** of the ***People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;***

**• *Pr Charles C. Jalloh*** of the **Republic of Sierra Leone;**

**• *Prof. Tiyanjana Maluwa*** of the ***Republic of Malawi.***

iii) **to the post of Director General of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation** during elections scheduled for 12 to 14 October 2016 in Washington DC, the candidature of ***Engineer Francis Patrick Masambu, of the* Republic of Uganda;**

iv) **to the post of *President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) during elections scheduled for February 2017,*** the candidature of ***Mr Gilbert Fossun Houngbo*** of the **Republic of Togo;**

v) **to the post of Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** during elections scheduled for March 2017, the candidature of Ambassador ***Dr Moushira Khattab,*** *of the* ***Arab Republic of Egypt;***

vi) **to the post of President of INTERPOL,** during elections scheduled for **November 2016 in Bali, Indonesia,** the candidature of **Brigadier General Sebastian Haitota NDEITUNGA** of the Republic of Namibia;

vii) **to the post of President of the World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments, during elections scheduled from *15 to 17 October 2016 in Bogota, Colombia,*** the candidature of ***Mr Parks Tau, Executive Mayor*** *of the City of Johannesburg, South Africa;*

viii) **Election to the post of the Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization** the selection process of which starts in October 2016, the Candidature of Dr Eng. Walter Mzembi of the Republic of Zimbabwe;

**3. ALSO TAKES NOTE** of and **DECIDES TO** endorse the following candidatures:

ix) **to the post of Member of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for the period 2017-2019 (Category 2),** during the 39th ICAO Assembly scheduled from 27 September to 7 October 2016, the candidature of:

**• The Republic of South Africa;**

**• The Federal Republic of Nigeria;**

**• The Arab Republic of Egypt.**

x) **to the post of Member of the Human Rights Council for the 2017-2019 period** during elections scheduled for November 2016 in New York, the candidature of:

**• The Republic of Rwanda;**

**• The Republic of South Africa.**

xi) **to the post of President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council,** during the elections scheduled in July 2016 in New York, the candidature of **the Republic of Zimbabwe;**

xii) **to the post of Member of the Council of Administration of the Universal Postal Union (UPU),** during elections scheduled for September/October 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey, the candidature of;

**• The Republic of Ghana;**

**• Mr Edward Njoroge of the Republic of Kenya;**

**• Burkina Faso.**

xiii) **to the post of Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions,** during elections scheduled to be held at the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the candidature of:

**• The Republic of Gabon;**

**• The Republic of Senegal.**

xiv) **to the post of member of the United Nations Committee on Conferences** during elections scheduled to be held at the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the candidature of **the Republic of Kenya;**

xv) to the post of Member of the United Nations Commission in International

**Trade Law** during elections scheduled to be held at the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the candidature of:

**• The Republic of Burundi;**

**• The Republic of Kenya;**

**• The Kingdom of Lesotho;**

**• The Republic of Mauritius;**

**• The Federal Republic of Nigeria;**

**• The Republic of Uganda;**

**• The State of Libya.**

xvi) to the post of Member of the Postal Operations Council (POC) and the

Council of Administration of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) for the period 2016-2020, during elections to be held at the 26th UPU Congress scheduled from 20 September to 7 October 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey, the candidature of:

**• The Republic of Ghana;**

**• The Republic of South Africa;**

**• The Republic of Kenya.**

xvii) **to the post of President of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO),** during elections scheduled for September 2016 in Beijing, China, the candidature of the **Republic of Kenya;**

xviii) **Election** to the post of Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2018-2019, the candidature of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire which has been endorsed by ECOWAS for elections scheduled to take place in June 2017;

xix) **For the selection of country to host the External Offices of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** during the selection process scheduled from 3 to 11 October 2016, in Geneva. The Committee decided to rely on the outcome of the consultations among the African Group in Geneva for the nomination of the two African countries that will host the two bureaus. The candidates are: Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco, for North Africa. Kenya and Nigeria for Africa South of the Sahara;

xx) Regarding the appointment of the Secretary General of the United Nations, the **Committee** recommended that the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly should send a political message to the candidates so that the vital interest of African into consideration, especially regarding rotation on regional basis, equitable distribution of posts, gender parity in appointment to positions of responsibility in the United Nations System, as well as the enhancement of relations between the African Union and the United Nations; follow-up of the appointment process by the African Group in order to promote the interests of Africa. The Committee also requested the African members (A 3) of the Security Council to maintain unity and cohesion with respect to the appointment process at the level of the Security Council.