

## DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

The Executive Council,

- A. **WELCOMES** the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System.
- B. **ENDORSES** for election/re-election, New Governmental Candidatures Submitted by Member States for the following positions:
- 1. Vice-Presidency of the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the UN for the period 2022-2023**, during the election scheduled for September 2022 in New York:
    - **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Cabo Verde** (Western Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Benin** (Western Africa Region)
  - 2. Membership of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the period 2023-2025**, during the election scheduled for June 2022 in New York:
    - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Equatorial Guinea** (Central Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Cabo Verde** (Western Africa Region)
- NB: One (1) seat pending to be filled by the Southern Africa Region*
- 3. Membership of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for the period 2023-2025**, during the ECOSOCC election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:
    - **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
    - **State of Eritrea** (Eastern Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
    - **Republic of Mozambique** (Southern Africa Region)
  - 4. Membership of the United Nations Committee on Contributions for the period 2023-2025**, during the election scheduled for November 2022 in New York:

- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
5. **Membership of the United Nations Committee on Conferences for the period 2023-2025**, during the election scheduled for November 2022 in New York:
- **Republic of Djibouti** (Eastern Africa Region)
  - **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
6. **Membership of the United Nations Committee for Programmes and Coordination for the period 2023-2025**, during the election scheduled in November 2022 in New York:
- **Republic of Tunisia** (Northern Africa Region)

*NB: Two (2) seats pending to be filled by Western Africa Region*

7. **Membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the period 2023-2026**, during election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
  - **Federal Republic of Nigeria (A)** (Western Africa Region) (*on Appeal*)
8. **Membership of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) for the period 2023-2025**, for the election scheduled for scheduled for April 2022 in New York:
- **Republic of Djibouti** (Eastern Africa Region)
  - **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
  - **Republic of Botswana** (Southern Africa Region)
  - **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region)

*NB: Two (2) Seats pending to be filled by: Western and Northern Africa Regions respectively*

9. **Membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) for the period 2023-2025**, for the election scheduled in April 2022 in New York:
- **Republic of Mozambique** (Southern Africa Region)
  - **Kingdom of Lesotho** (Southern Africa Region)
10. **Membership of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) for the period 2023-2025**, during the election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:
- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)

- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)

**11. Membership of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Coordinating Board (UNAIDS) for the period 2023-2025**, for election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:

- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **The State of Libya** (Northern Africa Region)

**12. Membership of the Executive Board of UN-Women for the period 2023-2025**, during the election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:

- **State of Eritrea** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)

***NB: One (1) Seat pending to be filled by Central Africa Region***

**13. Member of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Region D for the period 2023-2026**, during the election scheduled for October 2022 in Bucharest:

- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Re-election*)** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Kenya (*Re-election*)** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of South Africa (*Re-election*)** (Southern Africa Region)
- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Senegal (*Re-election*)** (Western Africa Region)
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)

***NB: Five (5) seats pending to be filled and Central Africa Member States are invited to apply***

**14. Non-Permanent Membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2024-2025** for election scheduled for June 2023 in New York:

- **Republic of Sierra Leone** (Western Africa Region)

**15. Membership of the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations for the period 2023-2026** for election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:

- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
- **State of Eritrea** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)

- **Republic of Mozambique** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region)

**16. Membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for the period 2022-2027, for election scheduled for November 2022 in New York:**

- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)

***NB: Two seats pending to be filled by Eastern and Southern Africa Regions, to be referred to New York***

**17. Membership of the United Nations Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Intercontinental Standards of Accounting and Reporting for the period 2022-2024, for election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:**

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)

***NB: Three (3) seats pending to be filled, one (1) by Eastern Africa Region and two (2) Southern Africa Region***

**18. Election as a member of UNESCO World Heritage Committee for the period: 2023-2027, during the election scheduled for November 2022 in New York:**

- **Republic of Kenya**

**19. Member of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), for the period 2022-2025, during the election scheduled for October 2022 in Montreal:**

- **Arab Republic of Egypt** for Part II (Northern Africa Region)
- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** for Part III (Northern Africa Region)

**NB: Endorses the candidatures of Mauritania and Egypt and encourages other Member States to submit candidatures for other available seats.**

**C. ENDORSES for election/re-election, New Individual Candidatures submitted by Member States for the following positions:**

**20. Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, for the period 2022-2026, during the election scheduled for June 2022 in Kigali:**

- **Amb. Dr. Monica Juma** of the Republic of Kenya

**21. Membership of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) for the period 2023-2026, during the election scheduled for June 2022 in New York:**

- **Dr. Maya Morsi** of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **Mrs Louiza Chalal** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (**Re-election**)
- **Mrs Yoli-Bi Kone Klintio Marguerite** of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

*NB: These candidatures are endorsed in addition to those of: Mrs Vera Nkwaten Ngassa of the Republic of Cameroon; Ms Brenda Akia of the Republic of Uganda; Mrs. Esther Eghobamien-Mshelia of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and; Mrs Eunice Njovana of the Republic of Zimbabwe endorsed by the Executive Council at its 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> sessions through decisions EX.CL/Dec.1120(XXXVII) and EX.CL/Dec.1120(XXXVII).*

**22. Membership of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) for the period 2022-2027, during the election scheduled for June 2022 in New York:**

- **Mr. Simon Njuguna** of the Republic of Kenya
- **Mr. Azzadine Taiar** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- **Professeur Miloud Loukili**, Kingdom of Morocco

*NB: These candidatures are endorsed in addition to those of: Ms Marilyn Eghan of the Republic of Ghana and; Mr Domingos de Carvalho Viana Moreira of the Republic of Angola endorsed by the Executive Council at its 39th session through decision EX.CL/Dec.1120(XXXVII).*

**23. Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) for the period 2022-2026, during the election scheduled for June 2022 in New York:**

- **Ms. Getrude Fefoame** of the Republic of Ghana
- **Mr. Alfred Kouassi** of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

**24. Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the period 2023-2032, during the election scheduled for June 2023 in New York:**

- **Advocate Thembeli Elphus Joyini** of the Republic of South Africa

**25. Membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee for the period 2023-2025, during the election scheduled for September 2022 in Geneva:**

- **Professor Sebastiano Isata** of the Republic of Angola

**26. As Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration for the period 2022-2027, during the election scheduled for February 2022 in The Hague:**

- **Hon. Justice Mrs. Aruna Devi Narain** of the Republic of Mauritius

**27. Membership of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child for the period 2023-2027, during the election scheduled for June 2022 in New York:**

- **Mr. Mel Alain Didier Lath** of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

**NB: This candidature is endorsed in addition to that of: Mrs Agnes Kabore of Burkina Faso endorsed by the Executive Council at its 39th session through decision EX.CL/Dec.1120(XXXVII).**

**28. Membership of the United Nations Human Rights Committee for the period 2023-2027, during the election scheduled for June 2022 in New York:**

- **Mr. Delbe Zirignon Constant** of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

**29. Membership of the ITU Radio Regulations Board for the period 2023-2026, during the election scheduled to take place in September 2022 in Bucharest:**

- **Mr. Mandia Samuel MCHUNU** of the Republic of South Africa (*Reelection*)

**30. Membership of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the period 2023-2026, during the election scheduled for April 2022 in New York:**

- **Mrs. Djam Doudou Daoudou** of the Republic of Cameroon;

- **Chief Justice Asraf Ally Caunhye** of the Republic of Mauritius (**Reelection**);
- **Amb. Peter S.O. Emuze** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (**Re-election**);
- **Mr. DIANE Hassane** of the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire.

***NB: Requests the African Group in New York to facilitate urgent consultations among concerned Member States, to agree on the submission of two (2) candidates for the two (2) available seats and to report back to the Ministerial Committee by end of February 2022.***

**D. FURTHER TAKES NOTE of the following candidatures and decides to defer the consideration to the next Executive Council:**

**31. Non-Permanent Membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2025-2026, during the election scheduled for June 2024 in New York:**

- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)

**NB: The Candidature of the Republic of Somalia for this post was taken note of by the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council. The African Group in NY is instructed to undertake necessary consultations and report back to next Session.**

**32. Non-Permanent Membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2026-2027, during the election scheduled for June 2025 in New York:**

- **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region)

**33. Membership of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2023- 2027, during the election scheduled for November 2023 in Paris:**

- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)

**34. Membership of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2025- 2029, during the election scheduled for November 2025 in Paris:**

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)

**E. TAKES NOTE of the candidatures of the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of South Africa for the post of *President of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations* for the period 2024-2025, which**

election is scheduled for June 2024 in New York and **instructs the African Group in New York to facilitate further consultation between the two countries in order to agree on one African candidate for this important post and to report back to the next session. ALSO DIRECTS the African Group in New York to develop a concrete rotational plan for the Presidency of the UNGA when it is Africa's turn to provide a candidate.**

F. **TAKES NOTE** of the candidatures of United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Mozambique to the Membership of the Bureaus of the 6<sup>th</sup> Main Committees of the United Nations General Assembly for the period 2022- 2023, during the election scheduled for September 2022 in New York, and decides to refer consideration of this post to *the African Group in New York for further consultation to agree on one African candidate and report back to the next Session.*

G. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the following candidatures and defer to the African Group in New York for further consultation and advice on the way forward

35. **Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC), for the period 2024-2029**, during the election scheduled for December 2023 in New York:

- **Mr. Rajaona ANDRIAMANAKIANDRIANANA** of the Republic of Madagascar

36. **President of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the period 2023-2026**, during the election scheduled for November 2022 in New York:

- **Mr. Elhassane ZAHID** of the Kingdom of Morocco
- **Mr. Larbi DJACTA**, The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (**Re-election**)

**NB: Requests the African Group in New York to facilitate urgent consultations among concerned Member States, to agree on one African candidate for this post and report back to the Ministerial Committee during its next session.**

37. **Membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2024-2026**, during the election scheduled for December 2023 in New York:

- **Mrs. Caroline Nalwanga MAGAMBO** of the Republic of Uganda
- **Mr. Abdallah Bachar BONG** of the Republic of Chad

**NB: Requests the African Group in New York to facilitate urgent consultations among concerned Member States, to agree on one African**

***candidate for this post and report back to the Ministerial Committee during its next session.***

**H. ON THE NEW E-CANDIDATURE PORTAL,**

The Council,

**38. WELCOMES** the Commission's initiative to create a new e-Candidatures Portal as an on-line tool to centralise, record, monitor and ease the process of submission of candidatures by Member States for consideration by the Ministerial Committee and relevant AU multilateral missions;

**39. REQUESTS** that the new e-Candidatures Portal should be included in the revised Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System as a new on-line tool for submission of Candidatures by Member States, with training programmes for all potential users including Member States Focal Points and AU staff, and resubmit for final consideration by next Executive council.

**I. ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**40. TAKES NOTE** of efforts made by the Commission towards the revision of the Rules of Procedure for the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System; **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the finalisation of the Rules of Procedure and its submission to the next Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration in readiness for its adoption by the Executive Council during its Ordinary Session in June/July 2022

**J. ON DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

**41. COMMENDS** the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System at the Ambassadorial Level for taking the necessary steps to ensure that all documents related to this Committee are reviewed and synchronised in a timely manner; and **REQUESTS** the Committee at the Ambassadorial Level to continue working closely with the relevant African Groups, particularly in New York and Geneva, for synergy and coordination.

**42. URGES** the Africa Groups where applicable to take appropriate actions to coordinate Member States efforts to fill the pending seats and to ensure full implementation of the Executive Council Decisions on African Candidatures within the International System.

**43. INSTRUCTS** the PRC to allocate adequate budget for the activities of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System responsible for the implementation of decisions on candidatures.