

**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. **FUTHER TAKES NOTE** of the pending candidatures for election as President of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2024-2025, which is scheduled for **June 2024**, in New York, USA:
  - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
  - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
3. **REQUESTS** the two countries to continue consultations at the level of Foreign Ministers and report back to the Executive Council at the next Session.
4. **DECIDES to ESTABLISH** an ad hoc committee to facilitate consultations between the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of South Africa in order to reach a consensus-based African candidate for the position of President of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly for the period 2024-2025 and to report back to the 44<sup>th</sup> Ordinary session of the Executive Council in February 2024.
5. **NOTES** the concern raised by the Member States of the Western Africa Region with regard to Rule 2 (1) of the Rules of Procedure on the composition of the AU Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System as adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Executive Council in February 2023 and **REQUESTS** concerned Member States and the African Union Commission to engage in consultations towards resolving this matter and report back to the 44<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2024.
6. **ENDORSES NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**
  - A. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** for the period 2023-2026, during the election scheduled for 16-20 October 2023 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, the candidature of:
    - **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region) Re-election

**N.B.: 6 (SIX) SEATS FOR AFRICA AND THIRTEEN (13) AFRICAN CANDIDATES. THE AFRICAN GROUP IN GENEVA TO ADVISE ON THE WAY FORWARD**

- B.** For election for the Post of **Chairman of the WTO Regional Commission for Africa** for the period 2023-2025, during the election scheduled for July 2023, in Port Louis, Mauritius, the Candidature of:
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)
- C.** For election for the Post of a **Member of the Executive Board of UNESCO** for the period 2023-2027, during the election scheduled for November 2023, in Paris, France, the Candidature of:
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)
- D.** For election for the Post of **External Auditor to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)** for the period 2024-2025, during the election scheduled for November 2023, in Vienna, Austria, the Candidature of:
- **Arab Republic of Egypt (The Egyptian Accountability State Authority)** (Northern Africa Region)
- E.** For election for the Post of **External Auditor to the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** for the period 2024-2025, during the election scheduled for October 2023, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the Candidature of:
- **Arab Republic of Egypt (The Egyptian Accountability State Authority)** (Northern Africa Region)
- F.** For election for the Post of a **Member of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under Category (C)** for the period 2024-2025, during the election scheduled for December 2023, London, UK, the Candidature of:
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
- G.** For election for the Post of a **Member of the Governing Council of the International Atomic Energy Agency (AIEA)** for the period 2023-2025, during the election scheduled for September 2023, in Vienna, Austria, the Candidature of:
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- H.** For election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council** for the period 2026-2027 during the election scheduled for June 2025, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:

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

**NB: THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WAS ENDORSED BY ECOWAS AS THE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR WESTERN AFRICA REGION FOR THIS POST.**

**7. TAKES NOTE OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**

**A.** For election for the Post of **President of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** for the period 2024-2025, during the election scheduled for November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:

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

**NB.: REFERS THIS CANDIDATURE TO THE AFRICAN GROUP IN GENEVA FOR FACILITATION.**

**B.** For election for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Board of Auditors** for the period 2024-2030, during the election scheduled for June 2024, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:

- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Madagascar** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)

**C.** For election for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women** for the period 2025-2028, during the election scheduled for April 2024, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:

- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)

**D.** For election for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** for the period 2025-2027, during the election scheduled for October 2024 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of The Gambia – Re-election** (Western Africa Region)
- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Niger** (Western Africa Region)

**NB.: THE AFRICAN GROUP IN NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE ON THE NUMBER OF SEATS ALLOCATED FOR AFRICA AND ON THE WAY FORWARD.**

E. For election for **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** for the period 2027-2028, during the election scheduled for June 2026, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:

- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region)

8. **ENDORSES NEW CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**

A. For election for the Post of **Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC)** under (List B) for the period 2024-2033, during the election scheduled for December 2023, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:

- **Prof. Haykel Mahfoudh** of the Republic of Tunisia (Northern Africa Region) under **(List B)**
- **Hon. Judge Wanjiru Karanja** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region) under **(List A)**

**NB: 42<sup>ND</sup> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ENDORSED THE CANDIDATURE OF MR. RAJAONA ANDRIAMANAKIANRIANANA OF THE REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR FOR THIS POST UNDER (LIST A).**

B. For election for the Post of **Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)** for the period 2024-2033, during the election scheduled for November 2023, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:

- **Prof. Antoine Keisa-Mbe MINDUA** of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa Region)
- **Prof. Dire Tladi** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region)
- **Amb. Ahmed Amin Fathallah** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)
- **Prof. Chaloka Beyani** of the Republic of Zambia (Southern Africa Region)

**NB: GIVEN THAT ONLY ONE (1) SEAT AVAILABLE FOR AFRICA, THE AFRICAN GROUP IN NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT AND ADVISE ON THE WAY FORWARD.**

C. For election for the Post of **President of the Parliamentary Union** for the period 2023-2026 during the election scheduled for October 2023, in Luanda, Angola, the candidature of:

- **Right Hon. Tulia Ackson (MP)** of the United Republic of Tanzania (Eastern Africa Region)

- D. For election for the Post of **Director-General of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)** for the period 2024-2029, during the election scheduled for 25 July 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Mr. Abdelkarim Djadi** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region)
- E. For election for the Post of **Member of United Nations Committee Against Torture** for the period 2024-2027, during the election scheduled for October 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland the Candidatures of:
- **Maitre. Yare Fall of the Republic of Senegal (Western Africa Region)**
  - **Mr. Kameleddine Ben Hassen of the Republic of Tunisia (Northern Africa Region)**
  - **Mr. Lazhari Bouzid of the People' Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region)**
  - **Mr. Tombohavana Fabien of the Republic of Madagascar (Eastern Africa Region)**

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- F. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Advisory Committee** for the period 2023-2026, during the election scheduled for September 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland the Candidature of:
- **Mrs. Nadia Amal Bernoussi** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)
- G. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)** for the period 2024-2027, during the election scheduled for November 2023, in New York, USA the Candidatures of:
- **Mr. Ali Ben Said** of the Republic of Tunisia (Northern Africa Region)

**NB: Africa is represented by five (5) members, one for each Region. Ms. Caroline Nalwanga, the candidate for Eastern Africa Region and Mr. Abdallah Bachar Bong, the Candidate for the Central Africa Region were already endorsed by the Executive Council. The candidatures for Western and Southern Africa Regions will be renewed in 2024.**

H. For election for the Post of **Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** for the period 2023-2028, during the election scheduled for 26 July 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya, the Candidature of:

- **Prof. Debra Roberts** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region)

I. For election for the Post of **Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** for the period 2023-2028, during the election scheduled for 26 July 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya, the Candidature of:

- **Mr. Noureddine Yassaa** of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region)

9. **TAKE NOTES OF NEW CANDIDATURE OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**

A. For election for the Post of **Secretary General of the Commonwealth** for the period 2024-2029, during the election scheduled for October 2024, in London, UK, the Candidatures of:

- **Hon. Shirley Ayokor Botchwey** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
- **Amb. Liberata Rutageruka Mulamula** of the United Republic of Tanzania (Eastern Africa Region)

**NB: BOTH COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO CONSULT AND AGREE ON ONE AFRICAN CANDIDATE FOR THIS IMPORTANT POST.**

B. For election for the Post of **Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** for the period 2026-2031, during the election scheduled for last quarter of 2025, in Paris, France the Candidature of:

- **Dr. Khaled El Anany** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)

C. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Committee for the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights** for the period 2025-2028, during the election scheduled for June 2024, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:

- **Amb. Wafaa Bassim** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Emeru Tamrat Yigezu** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Eastern Africa Region)

- D. For election for the Post of **Regional Director for Africa of the World Health Organization (WHO)** for the period 2024-2039, during the election scheduled for June 2025, in Brazzaville, Congo, the Candidature of:
- **Dr. Boureima Hama Sambo** of the Republic of Niger (Western Africa Region)
- E. For election for the Post of **Chairperson of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)** for the period 2026-2030, during the election scheduled for June 2025, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:
- **Mr. Ali Ayad Ali Kurer** of the State of Libya (Northern Africa Region)
- F. For election for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)** for the period 2024-2027, during the election scheduled for June 2024, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:
- **Prof. Cephass Lumina** of the Republic of Zambia (Southern Africa Region)
  - **Ms. Nadia Amal Bernoussi** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)
  - **Prof. Biniam Dawit Mezmur – Re-election** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Eastern Africa Region)
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- G. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)** for the period 2026-2030, during the election scheduled for November 2024, in New York, USA the Candidature of:
- **Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum** of the State of Eritrea (Eastern Africa Region)
- H. For election for the Post of **Vice-Chair of the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79<sup>th</sup> Session** during the election scheduled for June 2024, in New York, USA the Candidature of:
- **Mr. El hadj Lehbib Mohamedou** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)

- I. For election for the Post of **Chair of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79<sup>th</sup> Session** during the election scheduled for June 2024, in New York, USA the Candidatures of:
- **H.E. Mr. Sidi Mohamed Laghdaf** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)
  - **H.E. Amb. Zephyrin Maniratanga** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)

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## 10. ON OTHER ISSUES

The Council;

- A. **REITERATES** its support for the Commission's initiative to launch an **E-Portal for African Candidatures within the International System**;
- B. **CALLS** on AU Member States to continue to provide the necessary political support to the Committee with the overall objective of ensuring a strong African presence within the International System;
- C. **COMMENDS** the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System for its efforts to defend the African interest in the international fora and **URGES** the African Groups and the AU Permanent Missions to work closely with the Commission to ensure timely information sharing and preparation of necessary documentation;
- D. **INSTRUCTS** the PRC to allocate adequate budget for the activities of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures Within the International System including the development of training manual on the E-Portal and **REQUESTS** the Commission to conduct orientation programmes for the Focal Persons of Member States and new members of this Ministerial Committee, as well as the African Groups in New York, Geneva and Brussels.