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**REPORT ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2)  
MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD AGAINST  
CORRUPTION**

## **REPORT ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD AGAINST CORRUPTION**

1. The election of Members of the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption is based on the provisions of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (the Convention) adopted in July 2003 as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

2. The Advisory Board Against Corruption was established under Article 22(1) of the Convention. Article 22(2) of the Convention provides that the Advisory Board Against Corruption shall be composed of eleven (11) members elected by the Executive Council from among a list of experts of the highest integrity, impartiality, and recognized competence in matters relating to preventing and combating corruption and related offences, proposed by the State Parties.

3. In addition, Articles 22(3) - (4) of the Convention provide that the members shall serve in their personal capacity and that they shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years renewable only once.

4. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the term of office of the following member of AUABC, who was re-elected in February 2020, for a term of two (2) years, expired in February 2022:

➤ **Ms. Amal Mahmoud AMMAR (Egypt)**

5. The outgoing Member is not eligible for re-election.

6. It would be recalled that although the term of the above-mentioned member of AUABC expired in February 2022, the Executive Council, vide Decision EX.CL/Dec.1165(XL) adopted in February 2022, extended her term until her replacement during its 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session.

7. In addition, the following member of the AUABC who was re-elected for a second term in February 2021 passed away on 21 December 2021:

➤ **Ms. Kayobo Agness Mulamfu Ng'andu (Zambia)**

### **Modalities for Election**

8. It will be recalled that in January 2016 the Executive Council adopted Decision **EX.CL/907 (XXVII)** on the Modalities on the Implementation of the Criteria of Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in AU Organs and Institutions. Paragraph 2 of the said Decision reads as follows:

- i) The regional representation, where applicable, shall be East (2), Central (2), North (2), South (2) and West (2), except in cases in which a region which has been duly informed has not presented candidates;

- ii) Where applicable, one (1) seat shall be a floating seat and will rotate among the five (5) regions;
- iii) At least one (1) member from each region should be a woman;
- iv) The modalities shall become effective immediately.

9. Hence with the Two (2) vacancies, the regional and gender representation of the AUABC will be as follows:

REGION	MEMBERS	GENDER	
		FEMALE	MALE
Central	2	1	1
East	3 (one (1)) occupying the floating seat <sup>1</sup>	2	1
North	1	0	1
South	1	0	1
West	2	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

10. In this regard, during these elections, in accordance with the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical Representation in the African Union Organs, the following shall be elected:

- a) **Northern Region** : One (1) Female Member; and
- b) **Southern Region** : One (1) Female Member.

### **Submission of Candidates**

11. The Commission, through Note Verbal reference number **BC/OLC/24.12/12033.22** dated 28 March 2022, invited States Parties to the Convention from the Northern and Southern Regions to submit candidates on or before the deadline of **31 May 2021**.

12. By 31<sup>st</sup> May, the Commission had not received any candidates from the Southern Region hence through Note Verbale reference number **BC/OLC/24.12/12183.22** dated 08 June 2022, the deadline for submission of female candidates from the Southern Region was extended to 16 June 2022. By 16 June, 2022, still no candidates had been received hence the deadline for submission of female candidates from the Southern Region was extended to 30 June 2022 through Note Verbale **BC/OLC/24.12/12793.22** dated 20 June 2022.

13. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the candidates received from States Parties to the Convention from the **Northern Region** are as follows:

NO	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Elzahraa Kamal KHALED	F	Egypt	Northern

<sup>1</sup> The Floating seat is currently occupied by Mr. Samuel Mbithi Kimeu (male from Kenya), elected for a 2-year term in October 2021

2	El Djazia Djoumana MEZACHE	F	Algeria	Northern
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14. No female candidates was received from the **Southern Region** nonetheless the two extensions. It is therefore suggested to postpone the election of one (1) female candidate from the Southern Region to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2023.

15. It will be recalled that the Assembly, vide Decision **Assembly/AU/Dec.760 (XXXIII)** adopted in February 2020 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia delegated its authority of appointment of members of AU Organs and institutions, to the Executive Council.

16. In this regard, the elected member shall automatically be appointed by the Executive Council.

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2)  
MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD AGAINST  
CORRUPTION**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of Two (2) Members of the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC);
2. **REGRETS** the non-submission of female candidates by State Parties to the African Union Convention on Preventing on combating Corruption from the Southern Region;
3. **DECIDES** to postpone the election of one (1) female candidate from the Southern Region to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Session;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to re-open submission of candidates for the position and **APPEALS** to State Parties to the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption from the Southern Region to submit their female candidates;
5. **ELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following Member of the AUABC for a **two (2)- year term**:

<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>GENDER</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>REGION</b>
1		F		Northern

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