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A. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING CANDIDATURES

1. **Election** for the Post of **President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 2024-2025**, which is schedule for June 2023, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:

- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)

President of the Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA):

Under the elected Presidency, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) is the main policy-making organ of the Organization. Comprising all Member States, it provides a unique forum for multilateral discussion of the full spectrum of international issues covered by the Charter of the United Nations. Each of the 193 Member States of the United Nations has an equal vote. The UNGA also makes key decisions for the UN, including:

- a) appointing the Secretary-General on the recommendation of the Security Council
- b) electing the non-permanent members of the Security Council
- c) approving the UN budget

The Assembly meets in regular sessions from September to December each year, and thereafter as required. It discusses specific issues through dedicated agenda items or sub-items, which lead to the adoption of resolutions.

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council requested 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. The Group is expected to brief the Executive Council on outcome of the Consultation.

B. CONSIDERATION OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES

2. **Election** for the Post of **Member of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Region D for the period 2023-2026**, which is schedule for October 2022, in Bucharest, Romania, the Candidatures of:

- **Republic of Tunisia** (Northern Africa Region) **Re-Election**
- **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region) **Re-Election**
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region) **Re-Election**
- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
- **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region) **Re-Election**
- **Republic of Niger** (Western Africa Region)

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of Egypt, Nigeria, Mauritius, Kenya, South Africa, Algeria, Senegal and Morocco. The African Group in Geneva is to advise on the number of seats available for Africa.

The Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU): The Council works to close the digital divide and drive digital transformation to leverage the power of ICTs for economic prosperity, job creation, digital skills development, gender equality, diversity, a sustainable and circular economy, and for saving lives. Its work prioritizes those most in need- from people living in the world's Least Developed Countries to marginalized communities everywhere. The work of the Council is supported by its Secretariat, the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), which is responsible for the organization and coordination of the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector of the Union.

3. Election for the Post of **Member of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), for the period 2022-2025, which is schedule for October 2022 in Montreal, Canada, the candidatures of:**

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region), (For part II)
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region), (For Part II)
- **Republic of Ghana** (West Africa) (for part III)
- **Republic of Equatorial Guinea** (Central Africa Region), (for part III)
- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region), (for part III)
- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region), (for part III)

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidature of Mauritania for part III and that of Egypt for Part II and encouraged other Member States to submit candidatures for other available seats.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It changes the principles and techniques of international air navigation and fosters the planning and development of international air transport to ensure safe and orderly growth. Its headquarters is located in the *Quartier International* of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

The ICAO Council adopts standards and recommended practices concerning air navigation, its infrastructure, flight inspection, prevention of unlawful interference, and facilitation of border-crossing procedures for international civil aviation. ICAO defines the protocols for air accident investigation that are followed by transport safety authorities in countries signatory to the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation. ICAO is distinct from other international air transport organizations, particularly because it alone is vested with international authority (among signatory states).

4. **Election** for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2027-2028**, which is scheduled for June 2026, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:

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

The UN Security Council (UNSC): is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations (UN), charged with ensuring international peace and security, recommending the admission of new UN members to the General Assembly, and approving any changes to the UN Charter. Its powers include establishing peacekeeping operations, enacting international sanctions, and authorizing military action. The UNSC is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions on member states.

The Security Council consists of fifteen members, of which five are permanent including the People's Republic of China, the French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America were the victors of World War II. Permanent members can veto any substantive resolution, including those on the admission of new member states to the United Nations or nominees for the office of Secretary-General. The remaining ten members are elected on a regional basis to serve a term of two years. The body's presidency rotates monthly among its members.

5. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Committee for Programmes and Coordination for the period 2023-2025**, during the election scheduled in **November 2022** in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region)
- **Kingdom of Morocco (A)** (Northern Africa Region)

NB: The candidature of the Tunisia was endorsed by the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council. Three seats are available for Africa. The seat for Morocco was launched on appeal.

C. CONSIDERATION OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES

6. **Election** for the Post of **Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), for the period 2024-2027**, which is scheduled for June 2023, in London, UK, the candidature of:

- **Amb. Nancy Karigithu**, of the Republic of Kenya

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating shipping. The IMO was established following agreement at a UN conference held in Geneva in 1948 and the IMO came into existence ten years later, meeting for the first time in 1959.

7. **Election** for the Post of an **Assistant Secretary-General of the World Customs Organization (WCO), for the period 2023-2027**, which is scheduled for June 2022, in Brussels, Belgium the candidature of:

- **Mr. Samson BILANGNA** of the Republic of Cameroon

The World Customs Organization (WCO) is an intergovernmental organization headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. The WCO works on customs-related matters including the development of international conventions, instruments, and tools on topics such as commodity classification, valuation, rules of origin, collection of customs revenue, supply chain security, international trade facilitation, customs enforcement activities, combating counterfeiting in support of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), illegal drug enforcement, combating counterfeiting of medicinal drugs, illegal weapons trading, integrity promotion, and delivering sustainable capacity building to assist with customs reforms and modernization. The WCO maintains the international Harmonized System (HS) goods nomenclature, and administers the technical aspects of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements on Customs Valuation and Rules of Origin.

8. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), for the period 2024-2032**, which is scheduled for June 2023, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Ambassador Osman Keh Kamara** of Republic of Sierra Leone

N/B: The candidature of Adv. Thembeli of the Republic of South Africa was endorsed by the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council for this post. Africa has two (2) seats.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) is an intergovernmental organization created by the mandate of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea. It was established by the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, signed at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 10 December 1982. The Convention entered into force on 16 November 1994 and established an international framework for law over all ocean space, its uses and resources. The ITLOS is one of four dispute resolution mechanisms listed in Article 287 of the UNCLOS.

The Tribunal is based in Hamburg, Germany. The Convention also established the International Seabed Authority, with responsibility for the regulation of seabed mining beyond the limits of national jurisdiction that is beyond the limits of the territorial sea, the contiguous zone and the continental shelf. There are currently 168 signatories, 167 states plus the European Union. As of 2021, holdouts included the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran. According to its founding statute, the Tribunal has a set of 21 judges who serve from a variety of states parties, "according to a method that intends to assure an equitable geographical representation".

9. **Election** for the Post of **Director of the Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, for the period **2023-2026**, which is scheduled for October 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. NTOKO Alexander** of the Republic of Cameroon

N/B: The 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of Dr. Cosmas Zavazava of Zimbabwe and Amb. Prof. Muhammadou M. O. Kah of the Gambia. The African Group in Geneva is to advise on the way forward.

The Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (D-ITU): The Bureau works to close the digital divide and drive digital transformation to leverage the power of ICTs for economic prosperity, job creation, digital skills development, gender equality, diversity, a sustainable and circular economy, and for saving lives. Its work prioritizes those most in need- from people living in the world's Least Developed Countries to marginalized communities everywhere. The work of the Bureau is supported by its Secretariat, the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT). The Telecommunication Development Bureau is responsible for the organization and coordination of the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector of the Union.

10. **Election** for the Post of **Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions (CC)**, for the period **2023-2026**, which is scheduled for November 2022, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud El Ghouth** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of Burkina Faso. Africa has two (2) seats.

The United Nations Committee on Contributions is a subsidiary body of the United Nations General Assembly that is responsible for advising the General Assembly on the apportionment of UN expenses among member states. The Committee meets annually for three to four weeks, usually in New York in June.

11. **Election** for the Post of **Member of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)**, for the period **2023-2026**, which is scheduled for November 2022, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Amb. Andrew Gbebay Bangali** of the Republic of Sierra Leone

N/B: The 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of Mr. Ali Ayad Kerir of Libya for this post. The African Group in New York is to advise on the number of seats available for Africa as well as the way forward. (Two (2) seats for Africa)

The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) is an independent expert body established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1974. Since its inception, the ICSC has redoubled its efforts to strengthen and maintain high standards in the international civil service, while balancing the needs and concerns of its major stakeholders. The Commission is composed of fifteen members who serve in their personal capacity. They are appointed by the General Assembly for four-year terms, with regard for broad geographical representation. On matters such as the establishment of daily subsistence allowance (DSA) and post adjustment (i.e., cost-of-living element, hardship entitlements), the Commission itself may take decisions. In other areas, it makes recommendations to the General Assembly, which then acts as the legislator for the rest of the common system.

12. Election for the Post of **Member of the Committee of Radio Regulation, at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference, for the period 2023-2026**, which is scheduled for October 2022 in Bucharest, Romania, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Hassan Talib** of the Kingdom of Morocco
- **Mr. Edmund Yirenkyi-Fianko** of the Republic of Ghana

The twelve members of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) are elected at the Plenipotentiary Conference. They perform their duties independently and on a part-time basis, normally meeting up to four times a year, in Geneva. The Director of the Bureau is the Executive Secretary of the Radio Regulations Board. The Board:

- Approves Rules of Procedure, used by the Radio communication Bureau in applying the provisions of the Radio Regulations and registering frequency assignments made by the Member States;
- Addresses matters referred by the Bureau which cannot be resolved through application of the Radio Regulations and Rules of Procedure;
- Considers reports of unresolved interference investigations carried out by the Bureau at the request of one or more administrations and formulates Recommendations;
- Provides advice to Radio communication Conferences and the Radio communication Assemblies;
- Considers appeals against decisions made by the Radio communication Bureau regarding frequency assignments;
- Performs any additional duties prescribed by a competent conference or by the Council.

13. Election for the Post of **Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, for the period 2022-2025**, which is scheduled in October 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Rabah BOUDACHE** of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria

The Advisory Committee replaces the former Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. The Committee held its first meeting

in August 2008. It meets twice a year, for one week in February immediately before the March session of the Council and for one week in August.

14. Election for the Post of **Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2024-2026**, which is scheduled for November 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mrs. Caroline Nalwanga Magambo** of the Republic of Uganda

The Advisory Committee is an expert Committee of twenty-one Members* elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years, on the basis of a broad geographical representation. Members serve in a personal capacity and not as representatives of Member States. The Committee holds three sessions a year with total meeting time between nine and ten months per year. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee are elected by the Members of the Advisory Committee. The programme of work of the Advisory Committee is determined by the requirements of the General Assembly and other legislative bodies to whom it reports. The Advisory Committee is serviced by a secretariat headed by an Executive Secretary, assisted by a Deputy.

15. Election for the Post of **Member of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for the period 2026-2030**, which is scheduled for November 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Robert Ngei Mule** of the Republic of Kenya

N/B: The 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council took note of the candidature of Mr. Makiesse Kinkela Augusto of Angola for this post. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on how many seats available for Africa as well as the way forward. African has two (2) seats.

The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) is the only independent external oversight body of the United Nations system mandated to conduct evaluations, inspections and investigations system-wide. Its mandate is to look at cross-cutting issues and to act as an agent for change across the United Nations system. JIU works to secure management and administrative efficiency and to promote greater coordination both between UN agencies and with other internal and external oversight bodies. For the past 50 years, the Unit has been dedicated to assisting the legislative bodies of numerous United Nations organizations in meeting their governance responsibilities. JIU provides support in the context of these agencies' oversight function regarding human, financial and other resources. In its reports and notes, the Unit identifies best practices, proposes benchmarks and facilitates information-sharing throughout the organizations of the UN system that have adopted its Statute. The Unit operates with respect to the legislative organs and the secretariats of those specialized agencies and other international organizations, within the United Nations system, that have accepted its Statute. These entities are often referred to as the JIU participating organizations. JIU has a total of 28 participating organizations as of 2018 that play a crucial role in how the Unit functions.

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