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**REPORT ON ELECTION OF FOUR (4) JUDGES OF
THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
(AfCHPR)**

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1. The elections of the Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Court) are based on the provisions of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Protocol) adopted in 1998 as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
2. Article 11 of the Protocol provides that the African Court shall be composed of eleven (11) Judges who should be jurists of high moral character and of recognized practical, judicial, or academic competence and experience in the field of human and peoples' rights.
3. In addition, Article 11 of the Protocol provides that no two (2) Judges should be nationals of the same State.
4. The current elections relate to the election of four (4) Judges as a result of expiry of the term of office, in July 2016, of the following Judges of the African Court:

| NO. | NAME | COUNTRY | TERM OF OFFICE |
|-----|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| 1. | Mr. Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ | Algeria | Re-elected in July 2010 for a 6-year term |
| 2. | Mr. Augustino S.L Ramadhani | Tanzania | Elected in July 2010 for a 6-year term |
| 3. | Mr. Duncan TAMBALA | Malawi | Elected in July 2010 for a 6-year term |
| 4. | Ms Eisie Nwanwuri THOMPSON | Nigeria | Elected in July 2010 for a 6-year term |

* The last three (3) Judges are eligible for re-election, only once.

5. Article 14 of the Protocol stipulates that "*the judges of the Court shall be elected by secret ballot by the Assembly from the list referred to in Article 13(2) of the present Protocol*". However, the judges of the Court shall be elected by secret ballot by the Executive Council by virtue of delegation of power by the Assembly in accordance with Article 9(2) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union.
6. The Executive Council should ensure that in the Court as a whole, there is representation of the main regions of Africa and of their principal legal traditions. In addition, Council should ensure that there is adequate gender representation (Article 14 of the Protocol).

7. The Commission would like to draw to the attention of Member States that after the expiry of the terms of office of the four (4) Judges in July 2016, the regional and gender representation at the African Court will be as follows:

a) Regional representation

| | | |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Central | : | One (1) |
| East | : | Two (2) |
| North | : | One (1) |
| South | : | One (1) |
| West | : | Two (2) |
| Vacancies | : | Four (4) |
| Total | : | Eleven (11) |

b) Gender representation

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------------|
| Female Judges | : | One (1) |
| Male Judges | : | Six (6) |

8. As can be seen from the figures above, the challenge is to ensure both regional representation and adequate gender representation in the composition of the African Court.

9. Furthermore, the Commission would like to draw the attention of all Member States to decision EX.CL/907 (XXVIII) adopted by the Executive Council during the January 2016 Summit on the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in the African Union Organs. Paragraph 2 of the said Decision provides 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.

10. In this regard, during these elections, the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in the African Union Organs shall be applied.

11. The candidatures received by the Commission from the States Parties to the Protocol is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES | GENDER | COUNTRY | REGION |
|-----|--|--------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | Kimelabalou ABA * | Male | Togo | Western |
| 2 | Richard ADJEI-FRIMPONG | Male | Ghana | Western |
| 3 | Mamadou DIAKITE | Male | Mali | Western |
| 4 | Hamdi FANNOUSH * | Male | Libya | Northern |
| 5 | Marie-Therese MUKAMULISA | Female | Rwanda | Eastern |
| 6 | Ntyam ONDO MENGUE | Female | Cameroon | Central |
| 7 | Augustino Stephen Lawrence RAMADHANI* | Male | Tanzania | Eastern |
| 8 | Fatimata TOURE SANOU | Female | Burkina Faso | Western |
| 9 | Duncan TAMBALA* | Male | Malawi | Southern |
| 10 | Blaise TCHIKAYA | Male | Congo | Central |
| 11 | Elsie Nwanwuri THOMPSON* | Female | Nigeria | Western |

*Seeking Re-election

Annex: Curriculum Vitae

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CURRICULUM VITAE OF CANDIDATES

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