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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the Committee) is established within the Union, in terms of Article 32 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the Charter).
2. The main mandate of the Committee is to promote and protect the rights and welfare of the African Child.

II. COMPOSITION

3. The Committee is composed of eleven (11) members, who must serve in their personal capacity.
4. In terms of Article 33 (3) of the Charter, the Committee shall not include more than one (1) national of the same state.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

5. These requirements are set out in Article 33 and 35 of the Charter, which require members of the Committee to be:
 - a) "Of high moral standing, integrity, impartiality and competence in matters of the rights and welfare of the child".
 - b) Nationals of States Parties to the Charter.

IV. TERMS OF OFFICE

6. The eleven (11) members of the Committee were elected and appointed in July 2001, in Lusaka, Zambia. In conformity with Article 37 of the Charter, the term of office of four (4) of the members expired in 2003 and elections were conducted to replace them in Maputo, Mozambique in July 2003. Furthermore, the term of office of five (5) members elected in 2001 will expire in July 2005 and it should be noted that they are not eligible for re-election. In addition, two (2) members elected in 2001 have ceased to be members having taken up employment with the United Nations.

1. Mr. Louis Ahnee (Mauritius)
2. Mrs. Justice Joyce Alouch (Kenya)
3. Mr. Straton Nsanzabaganwa (Rwanda)
4. Mr. Rodolphe Soh (Cameroon)
5. Dr. Lulu Tshiwula (South Africa)
6. Mrs. Nanitom Moyotam (Chad)
7. Mrs. Dior Fall Sow (Senegal)

7. Accordingly, the Commission, by its Note Verbale BC/OLC/24.9/89/Vol.VI informed Member States that seven (7) vacancies have arisen as a result of the expiry, in July 2005, of the term of office of seven (7) of the members of the Committee.

8. The Commission also informed Member States that the new members will be elected during the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and appointed during the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly to be held in Sirte, Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in July 2005.

9. The Commission therefore, invited States Parties to the Charter to nominate candidates for the replacement of the members whose terms of office would expire and to submit such nomination together with curricula vitae of the nominees to the Commission on or before 30 May 2005.

V. ELECTIONS

10. In conformity with Article XXXIV of the Charter, members of the Committee are elected by the Assembly, by secret ballot from a list of persons nominated by the States parties. However, by delegation of power by virtue of Rule 5 (1) (f) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, members of the Committee will be elected by the Executive Council in July 2005 and appointed by the Assembly.

VI. CANDIDATURES SUBMITTED

11. The Commission received the following candidatures to fill in the seven (7) available vacancies, for a term of five (5) years.

ANNEXES: List of Candidates and Curriculum Vitae

**CANDIDATURES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD**

No.	Name	Gender	Country
1.	Mrs. Seynabou Ndiaye DIAKHATE	Female	Senegal
2.	Mrs. KOFFI Appoh Marie Chantal	Female	Côte d'Ivoire
3.	Hon. Lady Justice Martha KOOME	Female	Kenya
4.	Mrs. Mamosebi T. PHOLO	Female	Lesotho
5.	Ms. Boipelo Lucia SEITLHAMO	Female	Botswana
6.	Mr. Moussa SISSOKO	Male	Mali

CURRICULUM VITAE OF CANDIDATES

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