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1. The election of members of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) is governed by the provisions of the Statute of AUCIL and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
2. The AUCIL is established by Article 2 of the Statute of the African Union Commission on International Law and in accordance with Article 5(2) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union.
3. Under Article 3 of the Statute of AUCIL, the AUCIL shall consist of eleven (11) members of recognised competence in international law, who are nationals of Member States and who must serve in their personal capacities. In addition, the AUCIL shall not include more than one (1) national of the same state. As is the practice of the Union, Article 3 (3) provides that the composition of the AUCIL shall reflect and respect the principles of equitable geographical representation, the principal legal systems of the Continent and equitable gender representation.
4. It should be recalled that in Decision EX/CL/Dec.579 (XVII) adopted during its 17th ordinary Session held in Kampala, Uganda, in July 2010, the Executive Council decided that “the members of AUCIL be authorized to effectively complete their mandate as from the day they commenced their work. The AUCIL held its first session at the Headquarters of the Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 3 to 6 May 2010. Therefore, the terms of office for the following six (6) members of AUCIL elected for a five (5) year term in July 2009 shall expire on 2 May 2015:

NO	NAME	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Mr. Ebenezer APPREKU	Ghana	West
2	Mr. Minelik Alemu GETAHUN	Ethiopia	East
3	Mr. Kamel FILALI	Algeria	North
4	Mr. Adelardus KILANGI	Tanzania	East
5	Mr. Blaise TCHIKAYA	Congo	Central
6	Mr. Cheikh Tidiane THIAM	Senegal	West

5. It should be noted that all the six (6) members above mentioned are eligible for re-election.
6. In addition, one (1) vacancy exists by virtue of the resignation of Mr. Rafea BEN ACHOUR from Tunisia. Mr. Rafea BEN ACHOUR was elected for a five (5) year term by the Twenty Second Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2013.
7. In this regard, the current election relate to the election of six (6) Members for a five (5) year term and one (1) member from the Northern region for the remainder of the

term of Mr. Rafaâ BEN ACHOUR in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 (3) and 12 (4) of the Statute of AUCIL, respectively.

8. In electing the new members of AUCIL, the Executive Council is invited to take into account the respect of the principles of equitable geographical representation, the principal legal systems of the Continent. Special attention should also be given to the equitable gender representation in conformity with Article 3 (3) of the Statute of AUCIL

9. It should be recalled that the Assembly adopted Decision Assembly/AU.356 (XVI) during its Sixteenth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011, in which the Commission was requested to “*ensure the respect of the principle of geographical representation in all African Union organs with elected members, except in cases where a region which has been duly informed has not presented candidates*”.

10. The Commission would like to draw the attention of Member States, that after the expiry of the terms of office of the six (6) members on 2 May 2015, the regional and gender representation of AUCIL will be as follows:

a) Regional representation

Central : One (1)
 East : Zero (0)
 North : One (1)¹
 South : One (1)
 West : Two (2)

b) Gender representation

Female members : One (1)
 Male members : Four (4)

11. The candidatures submitted by Member States and received by the Commission are the following:

A. Election of six (6) Members for a five (5) year term:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Mr. Ebenezer APPREKU*	M	Ghana	Western
2	Mrs. Alida N. ASSEMBONI	F	Togo	Western
3	Mr. Mohamed BARAKAT	M	Egypt	Northern

¹ This member has resigned but will have to be replaced by a new member from the same region in conformity with Article 12 (3) of the Statute of AUCIL

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
4	Mr. Mamadou DIAKITE	M	Mali	Western
5	Mr. Robert Servais Marcelin DOSSOU	M	Benin	Western
6	Mr. Aly FALL	M	Mauritania	Northern
7	Mrs. Hajer GUELDICH	F	Tunisia	Northern
8	Mr. Abdi Ismael HERSI	M	Djibouti	Eastern
9	Mr. Sebastião Da Silva ISATA	M	Angola	Southern
10	Mr. Charles Chernor JALLOH	M	Sierra Leone	Western
11	Mrs. Juliet Semambo KALEMA	F	Uganda	Eastern
12	Mr. Adelardus KILANGI*	M	Tanzania	Eastern
13	Ms. Olivia Kaguliro MULERWA	F	Rwanda	Eastern
14	Mr Makumi MWAGIRU	M	Kenya	Eastern
15	Mr. Reta Alemu NEGA	M	Ethiopia	Eastern
16	Mr. Blaise TCHIKAYA*	M	Congo	Central
17	Mr. Djacoba Andry Solofonirina Liva TEHINDRAZANARIVELO	M	Madagascar	Eastern
18	Mr. Cheikh Tidiane THIAM*	M	Senegal	Western
19	Mr. Fortuné Gaétan ZONGO	M	Burkina Faso	Western

****Candidate 1, 12, 16, and 18 are seeking re-election***

B. Election of one (1) member for the remainder of the term of Mr. Rafaâ BEN ACHOUR:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Mrs. Hajer GUELDICH	F	Tunisia	Northern
2	Mrs. Sara SADEGH	F	Mauritania	Northern

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