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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System met at its Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session on 10 June 2015 in Johannesburg (South Africa), under the chairmanship of **H.E. Samura Mathew Wilson Kamara**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

2. After opening the session and observing the usual protocol, the Chairman presented the agenda of the session for adoption by Committee members.

II. PARTICIPATION

3. The following States, members of the Committee, were present:

Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Eritrea, Djibouti, Gambia, Lesotho, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Senegal, Tanzania Chad.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The following agenda was adopted by the Committee:

- i) Implementation of Decision **EX.CL/Dec.882 (XXVI)**;
- ii) Consideration of African Candidatures for Posts within the International System;
- iii) Any Other Business.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION EX.CL/Dec.882 (XXVI)

5. The Commission presented the report on the implementation of Decision **EX.CL/Dec.882 (XXVI)** relating to candidatures that were endorsed by the Executive Council at its previous sessions.

6. The Committee took note of the status of implementation of Decision **EX.CL/Dec.882 (XXVI)** on African candidatures endorsed at the Twenty-Sixth Session held in January 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Committee recommends that the Executive Council take note of the candidates who were elected and those who have not been elected (attached to this report);

V. CONSIDERATION OF AFRICAN CANDIDATURES FOR POSTS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

7. The Commission presented the candidatures submitted for approval by the Executive Council at its 27th Ordinary Session.

8. Concerning new candidatures for posts in the international system, the Committee decided to only consider candidatures for which elections would be held before the next Summit, and defer the consideration of other candidatures until the sessions of the Committee prior to those elections, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.

9. The Committee was also briefed of the mechanism put in place within the African Group in New York the dynamism of which made it possible to circulate information on posts to be filled, select candidatures for the various posts to be filled whilst ensuring the principle of rotation among the Member States and regions.

10. The Committee recommends that the Executive Council endorse:

- i) for the post of Secretary General of the Commonwealth for the period 2016-2020 during the elections scheduled to take place in November 2015 in Malta, the *candidature of Mrs. Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, of the Republic of Botswana*;
- ii) for membership of the Executive Board of UNESCO for the period 2015-2019 during elections scheduled to take place in Paris, at the 38th General Conference of UNESCO in November 2015, the candidature of:
 - the Republic of South Africa;
 - the Republic of Senegal;
 - the Republic of Niger;
 - the Republic of Botswana;
 - the Republic of Mali.
- iii) for membership of the Executive Board of the International Maritime Organization for the period 2016-2018, during elections scheduled to take place in December 2015, the candidature of:
 - the Arab Republic of Egypt in Category C;
 - the Republic of South Africa in Category C;
 - the Republic of Liberia in category C.
- iv) for the post of Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, during elections scheduled to take place in July 2015, the candidature of *Mr. Juvenal J.M. Shiundu, of the Republic of Kenya*;

- v) for membership of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the period 2016-2018, during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015 in New York, the candidature of:
- *Mr. Babou Sene of the Republic of Senegal;*
 - *Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum, of the State of Eritrea.*
- vi) for membership of the United Nations Committee on Contributions, for the period 2016-2018, during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015 in New York, *the candidature de Mr. Motumisi Josiel Tawana of the Republic of South Africa;*
- vii) for membership of the United Nations Committee Against Torture, during elections scheduled to take place on 8 October 2015 in Geneva, *the candidature of Ambassador Ezzat Saad of the Arab Republic of Egypt;*
- viii) for membership of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances, during elections scheduled to take place on 23 June 2015 in New York, the candidature of:
- Mr. Fortuné Gaétan Zongo of Burkina Faso
 - Mr. Cheikh Saad Bouh Kamara of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.
- ix) for membership of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during elections scheduled to take place on 25 June in New York, the candidature of:
- Mrs. Fatimata Binta Victoire Dah Diallo of Burkina Faso;
 - Mrs. Yemhelha Mint Mohamed, of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.
- x) for membership of the United Nations Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, during elections scheduled to take place on 30 June 2015 in New York, *the candidature of:*
- Mr. Germain Zong-Naba Pime of Burkina Faso;
 - Mrs Adelaide Anno-Kumi of Ghana;
 - Mr Bismillah Elyh Ould Ahmed of Mauritania.
- xi) for the post of Head of the United Nations Secretariat for the Arms Trade Treaty during elections scheduled to take place in August 2015 *the candidature of Mr. Dladla Simeon Dumisani of the Republic of South Africa.*
- xii) Election to the post of Vice-President of the 70th Session of the General Assembly for the period 2015-2016 during elections scheduled to take place in 2015. The candidature:

- Republic of Benin;
 - Republic of Cameroon ;
 - Arab Republic of Egypt;
 - The State of Eritrea;
 - The Republic of Mozambique;
 - The Republic of Togo.
- xiii) Member of the Economic and Social Council for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:
- The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
 - The Federal Republic of Nigeria;
 - The Republic of Rwanda;
 - The Federal Republic of Somalia;
 - The Republic of South Africa.
- xiv) Member of the Commission for Social Development for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in February 2015. The candidature of:
- The Republic of Ghana;
 - The Republic of Rwanda;
 - The Republic of Senegal.
- With respect to the second post which is allocated to West Africa, the Committee requested the region to carry consultations in order to nominate a candidate.
- xv) Member of the Statistical Commission for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:
- The Republic of Kenya;
 - The Republic of Togo.
- xvi) Member of the Commission on Population and Development for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:
- The Republic of Sudan;
 - The Republic of Uganda.
- xvii) Member of the Commission on the Status of Women for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November The candidature of:
- The State of Eritrea;
 - The Federal Republic of Nigeria.

xviii) Member of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:

- The Republic of Benin;
- The Republic of Cameroon;
- The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;
- The Republic of South Africa.

xix) Member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:

- United Republic of Tanzania;
- The Republic of Zimbabwe.

xx) Election to the post of member of the Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for the period 2016-2018, during elections scheduled for November 2015, the candidature of:

- The Republic of Benin;
- The Republic of Cameroon;
- The Republic of Kenya;
- The Republic of Uganda.

The Committee requested the regions concerned to carry out consultations in order to nominate one candidate for Central Africa and two candidates for Southern Africa.

xxi) Election to the post of member of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled for November 2015:

- The Republic of Cameroon;
- The Democratic Republic of Congo;
- The Republic of Kenya;
- The Islamic Republic Mauritania;
- The Republic of South Africa;
- The Republic of Sudan;
- The Republic of Uganda.

xxii) Member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature:

- The Republic of Botswana ;

- The Republic of Cameroon;
 - The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
 - The State of Libya;
 - The Republic of Sierra Leone.
- xxiii) Member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFP) for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:
- The Republic of Benin;
 - The Republic of Cameroon;
 - The Republic of Chad;
 - The Republic of Malawi;
 - The Republic of Uganda.
- xxiv) Member of the Executive Board of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:
- The Union of Comoros;
 - The Republic of Gabon;
 - The Republic of Liberia ;
 - The Republic of Namibia ;
 - The Republic of Tunisia.
- xxv) Member of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in 2015. The candidature of:
- The Republic of Liberia;
- xxvi) Member of the Coordination Committee of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV / AIDS for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:
- The Republic of Ghana;
 - The Republic of Malawi.
- xxvii) Member of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:
- The Republic of Angola;
 - The Republic of Chad;
 - The Republic of Kenya;

- The Federal Republic of Nigeria.

xxviii) Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:

- The Republic of Burundi;
- The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
- The Republic of Uganda;
- The Republic of Togo.

The Committee advised Benin and Cote d'Ivoire to hold consultations in order to select the West African representatives. Following consultations the two countries have agreed that Cote d'Ivoire should represent the West African Region. The Committee, therefore, recommends accordingly.

xxix) Member of the Committee on Conferences for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November. The candidature of:

- The Republic of Ghana;
- The Republic of Liberia.

xxx) For the post of Non Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council of the period 2018-2019, the candidature of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to represent Central Africa.

xxxi) The Committee also decided to endorse the candidature of Ambassador Mohamed Azzedine Abdel-Moneim of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the post of **Member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council** for the period 2017-2020, candidature for which Egypt requested an early endorsement. The Committee stressed that the endorsement of the candidature was not prejudicial to the submission by Member States of candidatures in line with the number of vacant posts;

xxxii) Following the withdrawal of Egypt from its candidature for the post of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, the Committee informs Member States the availability of this post.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. There being no other item on the Agenda, the Chairperson adjourned the session.

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