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1. The process of election of the Members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (PSC) is based on the provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union, the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (the Protocol) and the Modalities for Election of Members of the Peace and Security Council adopted by the Policy Organs of the Union in March 2004 (the Modalities).

2. It should be recalled that Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.106 (VI) adopted by the Sixth Ordinary of the Assembly in Khartoum, The Sudan, the Assembly delegated its power to elect members of PSC under Article 5 (2) of the Protocol to the Executive Council.

3. In conformity with the provisions of Article 5 (1) of the Protocol, the PSC is composed of fifteen (15) Members elected on the basis of equal rights, in the following manner:

- i) Ten (10) Members elected for a term of two (2) years; and
- ii) Five (5) Members elected for a term of three (3) years in order to ensure continuity.

4. As per the Modalities for the Election of Members of the PSC adopted by the Executive Council in March 2004, the regional representation of the fifteen (15) members in the PSC is as follows: **Central (3), East (3), North (2), South (3) and West (4).**

5. The current elections relate to the elections of all the Members of the PSC as a result of the expiry, in March 2016, of the term of office of the:

- a) Five (5) Members of the PSC elected in January 2013 for a three-year term, namely, Equatorial Guinea (Central), Uganda (East), Algeria (North), Mozambique (South) and Nigeria (West);
- b) Ten (10) other Members of the PSC elected in January 2014 for a two-year term, namely, Burundi and Chad (Central), Ethiopia and Tanzania (East), Libya (North), Namibia and South Africa (South), Gambia, Guinea and Niger (West).

6. It should be noted that in conformity with Article 5 (3) of the PSC Protocol “*A retiring Member of the PSC is eligible for immediate re-election*”.

7. For the current elections, the regional representation in relation to the five (5) Members to be elected for a three (3) year term is as follows:

Central	1;
East	1;
North	1;
South	1; and
West	1.

8. For the ten (10) Members to be elected for a two (2) year term, the regional representation is as follows:

Central	2;
East	2;
North	1;
South	2; and
West	3.

9. The criteria to be taken into account when electing members of the PSC is provided for in Article 5 (2) of the PSC Protocol and it includes, inter alia, the following:

- i) commitment to uphold the principles of the Union;
- ii) contribution to the promotion and maintenance of peace and security in Africa – in this respect, experience in peace support operations would be an added advantage;
- iii) capacity and commitment to shoulder the responsibilities entailed in membership;
- iv) contribution to the Peace Fund and/or Special Fund created for specific purpose;
- v) respect for constitutional governance, in accordance with the Lome Declaration, as well as the rule of law and human rights;
- vi) participation in conflict resolution, peace-making and peace building at regional and continental levels;
- vii) having sufficiently staffed and equipped Permanent Missions at the Headquarters of the Union and the United Nations, to be able to shoulder the responsibilities which go with the membership.

10. The Executive Council will recommend the elected Members for appointment to the Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

11. The list of Members of PSC since March 2004 is herewith attached to this report for information.

12. The candidatures received from the regions or directly from individual Member States are the following:

Annex: List of candidatures for Membership of PSC

**CANDIDATURES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION
(3-Year Term)**

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION	TERM
1	Congo (Rep.)	Central	3-year term
2	Gabon	Central	3-year term
3	Djibouti	Eastern	3-year term
4	Eritrea **	Eastern	?
5	Kenya**	Eastern	?
6	Rwanda **	Eastern	?
7	Sudan **	Eastern	?
8	Uganda* **	Eastern	?
9	Egypt	Northern	3-year term
10	Nigeria*	Western	3-year term
11	Zambia	Southern	3-year term

* Seeking Re-election

** Tern not specified

(2-Year Term)

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION	TERM
1	Burundi*	Central	2-years term
2	Chad*	Central	2-years term
3	Comoros	Eastern	2-year term
4	Eritrea **	Eastern	?
5	Kenya**	Eastern	?
6	Rwanda **	Eastern	?
7	Sudan **	Eastern	?

8	Uganda* **	Eastern	?
9	Algeria*	Northern	2-year term
10	Mauritania	Northern	2-year term
11	Tunisia	Northern	2-year term
12	Botswana	Southern	2-year term
13	South Africa	Southern	2-year term
14	Niger*	Western	2-year term
15	Sierra Leone	Western	2-year term
16	Togo	Western	2-year term

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