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**DRAFT REPORT ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF
ONE (1) FEMALE MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY
BOARD ON CORRUPTION FROM THE NORTHERN REGION**

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CORRUPTION FROM THE NORTHERN REGION**

1. The election of Members of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption is based on the provisions of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (the Convention) adopted in July 2003 as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

2. The Advisory Board on Corruption was established under Article 22(1) of the Convention. Article 22(2) of the Convention provides that the Advisory Board on Corruption shall be composed of eleven (11) members elected by the Executive Council from among a list of experts of the highest integrity, impartiality, and recognized competence in matters relating to preventing and combating corruption and related offences, proposed by the State Parties.

3. In addition, Articles 22(3) - (4) of the Convention provide that the members shall serve in their personal capacity and that they shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years renewable only once.

4. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the term of office of the following member of AUABC, who was elected in February 2020, for a term of two (2) years, shall expire in February 2022:

a) Ms. Amal Mahmoud AMMAR (Egypt)

5. The outgoing Member is not eligible for re-election.

Modalities for Election

6. It will be recalled that in January 2016 the Executive Council adopted Decision **EX.CL/907 (XXVII)** on the Modalities on the Implementation of the Criteria of Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in AU Organs and Institutions. Paragraph 2 of the said Decision reads 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.

7. Hence at the expiry of the term of the One (1) Member, the regional and gender representation of the AUABC will be as follows:

REGION	MEMBERS	GENDER	
		FEMALE	MALE
Central	2	1	1
East	3 (one (1) occupying the floating seat ¹)	2	1
North	1	0	1
South	2	1	1
West	2	1	1
TOTAL	10	5	5

8. In this regard, in accordance with the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical Representation in the African Union Organs, there is one vacant position as follows:

- a) **Northern Region** : One (1) Female Member.

Submission of Candidates

9. The Commission, through Note Verbal reference number BC/OLC/66/24/11582.21 dated 12 November, 2021, invited States Parties to the Convention from the Northern Region to submit female candidates on or before the deadline of 31 December, 2021.

10. By 31st December, 2021 the Commission had not received any candidates hence through Note Verbale reference number BC/OLC/24.12/11744.21 dated 05 January 2022, the deadline for submission of female candidates from the Northern Region was extended to 15 January, 2022.

11. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that no candidates were received by the deadline.

12. The Commission therefore recommends the following:

- a. postponement of the election to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July, 2022;
- b. reopening of submission of candidates; and
- c. extension of the term of office of the outgoing member **Ms. Amal Mahmoud AMMAR (Egypt)** until she is replaced during the election which has been postponed to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

13. The Commission would also like to inform the Executive Council of the sudden demise of Hon. Kayobo Agness Mulamfu Ng'andu, Member of AUABC from the Republic of Zambia, the Southern Region on 21 December, 2021. Hon.

¹ The Floating seat is currently occupied by Mr. Samuel Mbithi Kimeu (male from Kenya), elected for a 2-year term in October 2021

Ng'andu was serving her second term after being re-elected by the 38th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February, 2021. The Commission extends its deepest condolences to the AUABC; the Republic of Zambia; family, friends and colleagues of the deceased Board Member, for this solemn news and echoes the sentiments of the AUABC in recognising the passing away of the late member of AUABC as a significant loss for the Union.

14. Consequently, the Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the election and appointment of one female member of the AUABC from the Southern Region, will be conducted during the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2022.

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF ONE(1)
FEMALE MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD ON
CORRUPTION FROM THE NORTHERN REGION**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of One(1) Female Member of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AUABC) from the Northern Region;
2. **REGRETS** the non-submission of female candidates by States Parties to the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption;
3. **DECIDES** to postpone the election to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;
4. **FURTHER DECIDES** to extend the term of office of the outgoing member **Ms. Amal Mahmoud AMMAR (Egypt)** until she is replaced during the election which has been postponed to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to re-open submission of candidates for the position and **APPEALS** to States Parties to the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption from the Northern Region to submit their female candidates;
6. **REGRETS** the passing of Hon. Kayobo Agness Mulamfu Ng'andu, Member of AUABC from the Republic of Zambia as a significant loss for the Union and extends its deepest condolences to the Republic of Zambia; the AUABC; family, friends and colleagues of the deceased Board Member.

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