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**REPORT ON ELECTION OF FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

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1. The election of 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 by Decision **Assembly/AU/Dec.106 (VI)** adopted in Khartoum, the Sudan during the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2006, 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. In accordance with the Modalities, 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 Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the terms of office of the following ten (10) Members who were elected in February 2020 for a two (2)-year term, and five (5) Members who were elected in February 2019 for a three (3)-year term, will expire in March 2022:

a. Five (5) Members of the PSC elected for three (3) years in February 2019:

- Central : (1) Burundi
- East : (1) Kenya
- North : (1) Algeria
- South : (1) Lesotho
- West : (1) Nigeria

b. Ten (10) Members of the PSC elected for two (2) years in February 2020:

- Central : (2) Cameroon and Chad
- East : (2) Djibouti and Ethiopia
- North : (1) Egypt
- South : (2) Malawi and Mozambique
- West : (3) Benin, Ghana and Senegal

6. In accordance with Article 5 (3) of the Protocol, a retiring Member of the PSC is eligible for immediate re-election.

7. In this regard, during these elections, in accordance with the prescribed composition of the PSC, the following Members shall be elected:

- Central Region : three (3) Members
- Eastern Region : three (3) Members
- Northern Region : two (2) Member
- Southern Region : three (3) Members
- Western Region : four (4)Members

8. The criteria to be taken into account when electing members of the PSC is provided under Article 5 (2) of the PSC Protocol and it includes 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 Lomé 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.

Submission of Candidates

9. It will be recalled that the Commission through its Note Verbale reference Number **BC/OLC/23.21A/11536.21**, dated 28 October, 2021, invited States Parties to the Protocol to submit candidates on or before the deadline of **15 December 2021**.

10. Further, the Commission, through Note Verbale reference number **BC/OLC/23.21a/11686.21** dated 02 December, 2021 reminded Member States of the election and the set deadline.

11. By 15 December, 2021, there were no candidates received from the Central Region vying for the two(2) year term. Therefore, the Commission through its Note Verbale reference number **BC/OLC/ 23.21a/11719.21** dated 18 December, 2021 extended the deadline for submission of candidates for States Parties from the Central Region vying for the two (2) year term of office, to 31 December, 2021.

12. On the set deadline of 31st December 2021, the Commission did not receive any candidates from the Central Region for the two (2) year term of office. Accordingly, the Commission, through Note Verbal Reference No. **BC/OLC/23.21a/11745.21** dated 05 January, 2022 extended the deadline for submission of candidates for States Parties from the Central Region vying for the two (2) term of office to 15 January, 2022.

13. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the candidates received from the States Parties to the Protocol are as follows:

CANDIDATES FOR THE THREE (3) YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

NO.	COUNTRY	TERM
Central		
1	Cameroon*	3 years
2	Chad*	3 years
East		
3	Djibouti*	3 years
4	Eritrea	3 years
5	Somalia	3 years
North		
6	Morocco	3 years
South		
7	Namibia	3 years
West		
8	Nigeria*	3 years

* Member State eligible for re-election

CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO (2) YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

NO.	COUNTRY	TERM
Central		
1	Burundi*	2 years
2	Congo	2 years
3	Equatorial Guinea	2 years
East		
4	Ethiopia*	2 years
5	Mauritius	2 years
6	Tanzania	2 years
7	Uganda	2 years
North		
8	Tunisia	2 years
South		
9	South Africa	2 years
10	Zambia	2 years
West		
11	Burkina Faso	2 years
12	Ghana*	2 years
13	Senegal*	2 years
14	The Gambia	2 years

***Member State eligible for re-election**

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of Fifteen (15) Members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;
2. **ELECTS** the following members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for a term of **three (3) years**:

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION
1.		
2.		
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3. **Elects** the following members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for a term of two(2) years:

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION
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4. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union to the Thirty Fifth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Election of Fifteen (15) Members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union by the Executive Council;
2. **APPOINTS** the following Five (5) Members States of the Peace and Security Council for a term of three (3) years:

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION
1.		
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3. **Appoints** the following members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for a term of two(2) years:

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION
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