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**REPORT ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1)
MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE
RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD**

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1. The election of members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) is governed by the provisions of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the Charter) and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
2. The ACERWC is established by Article 33 (1) of the Charter which provides that the ACERWC shall consist of eleven (11) Members of high moral standing, integrity, impartiality and competence in matters of the rights and welfare of the child. Members of the ACERWC serve in their personal capacity.
3. Further, Article 33 (3) of the Charter provides that the ACERWC shall not include more than one (1) national from the same State.
4. The Members of the ACERWC serve for a term of five (5) years which may be renewed only once in accordance with Decision **Assembly/AU/Dec. 548 (XXIV)** adopted during the Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2015.
5. It will be recalled that Ms. **Hermine KEMBO TAKAM GATSING, from Cameroon** was elected as member of the ACERWC in February, 2019 for a term of five (5) years, pursuant to the provisions of Article 37 of the Charter. Consequently, her term of office shall expire in February 2024.
6. The outgoing member is eligible for re-election.

Modalities for Election

7. Paragraph 2 of Decision **EX.CL/907 (XXVII)** on the Modalities on the Implementation of the Criteria on Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in AU Organs and Institutions, adopted by the Executive Council in January 2016, 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.

8. In light of the above, the regional and gender representation at the ACERWC after the expiry of the term of office of one (1) member, will be as follows:

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

9. In this regard, in accordance with the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in the African Union Organs, the following members shall be elected:

- a) **Central Region:** one (1) female candidate.

Submission of Candidates

10. The Commission, through its Note Verbal reference number BC/OLC/24.9/13702.23 dated 30 August, 2023, invited States Parties to the Charter to submit candidatures on or before the deadline on 30 October, 2023.

11. Further, the Commission, through Note Verbale reference number BC/OLC/24.9/13861.23 dated 13 October, 2023 reminded Member States of the election and the set deadline.

12. The candidates received from States Parties to the Charter are as follows:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION	OBSERVATION
1.	Hermine KEMBO TAKAM GATSING	Female	Cameroon	Central	Eligible for re-election

Appointment

13. It will be recalled that the Assembly vide Decision **Assembly/AU/Dec.760(XXXIII)** adopted in February 2020 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia delegated its authority of appointment of some members of AU Organs and institutions, including the ACERWC, to the Executive Council.

14. In this regard the elected member shall automatically and simultaneously be appointed by the Executive Council.

¹ The floating seat is currently occupied by **Ms. Poloko Nuggert NTSHWARANG** (Female from Botswana), elected for a 5-year term in July 2023.

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DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF
THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE
OF THE CHILD

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of One (1) Member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC);
2. **ELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following member of the ACERWC for a term of **five (5) years**:

NO.	NAME	COUNTRY	REGION	GENDER
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