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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The process of elections of the members of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union are 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. 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:

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

3. It will be further recalled that as mandated by the Assembly, the initial Members of the PSC were elected during the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in March 2004 as follows:

	Regions	Three (3) years	Two (2) years
1.	Central	Gabon	Congo and Cameroon
2.	East	Ethiopia	Kenya and The Sudan
3.	North	Algeria	Libya
4.	South	South Africa	Lesotho and Mozambique
5.	West	Nigeria	Ghana, Senegal and Togo

4. In March 2006, Ten (10) vacancies arose as a result of the expiry of the term of office of the Ten (10) Members of the PSC elected in March 2004. The retiring Members were eligible for re-election. The Commission informed Member States accordingly and that elections would be carried out during the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for Khartoum, The Sudan, from 20 to 24 January, 2006. At that Session, Council elected the following members for two (2) years: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal and Uganda. Therefore, the members of the PSC were as follows:

	Regions	Three (3) years	Two (2) years
1.	Central	Gabon	Congo and Cameroon
2.	East	Ethiopia	Rwanda and Uganda
3.	North	Algeria	Egypt
4.	South	South Africa	Botswana and Malawi
5.	West	Nigeria	Burkina Faso, Ghana and Senegal

5. It will be recalled that the Assembly further decided by virtue of its decision Assembly/AU/Dec.106 (VI) adopted in Khartoum, The Sudan, in January 2006 “to delegate its power for election of members of the Peace and Security Council under Article 5 (2) of the Protocol to the Executive Council for the current and future elections”.

6. In March 2007, Five (5) vacancies arose as a result of the expiry of the term of office of **the Five (5) Members** of the PSC elected in March 2004 for three (3) years. The retiring Members were eligible for re-election. The Commission informed Member States accordingly and that elections would be carried out during the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2007. At that Session, Council elected the following members for three (3) years: Algeria, Angola, Ethiopia, Gabon and Nigeria. Therefore, the members of the PSC are currently as follows:

	REGIONS	Three (3) years	Two (2) years
1.	Central	Gabon	Congo and Cameroon
2.	East	Ethiopia	Rwanda and Uganda
3.	North	Algeria	Egypt
4.	South	Angola	Botswana and Malawi
5.	West	Nigeria	Burkina Faso, Ghana and Senegal

7. The term of the ten (10) members elected for two (2) years in 2006, namely, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal and Uganda will expire in March 2008. These members are eligible for re-election.

8. The Commission accordingly informed Member States of the vacancies and indicated that the new members will be elected during the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in January 2008. The regions were requested to consult, short-list and submit their respective candidatures by 15 January 2008. The regional representation of the ten (10) members in the PSC is as follows:

Central (2), East (2), North (1), South (2) and West (3).

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

9. In electing Members of the Peace and Security Council, due consideration shall be given to the following criteria with regard to each Member State which shall submit its candidature:

a. Equitable regional representation and rotation:

10. In conformity with Article 5 (2) of the Protocol, in electing the Members of the PSC, the Assembly shall apply the principle of equitable regional representation and rotation and only Member States fulfilling the following requirements are eligible for appointment as members of the PSC:

- Member States which have ratified the Protocol relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and have deposited their instruments of ratification with the Commission, and are therefore, State parties to the Protocol;
- Member States which are not affected by sanctions in terms of Article 23 of the Constitutive Act.

b. Member State's Qualifications

11. In conformity with Article 5 (2) of the Protocol, the following criteria should apply with Member States which have submitted their candidature:

- a) Commitment to uphold the principles of the Union;
- b) Contribution to the promotion and maintenance of peace and security in Africa – in this respect, experience of Member States in peace support operations would be an added advantage;
- c) Capacity and commitment to shoulder the responsibilities entailed in membership;
- d) Participation in conflict resolution, peace-making and peace building at regional and continental levels;
- e) Willingness and ability to take up responsibilities for regional and continental conflict resolution initiatives;
- f) Contribution to the Peace Fund and/or Special Fund created for a specific purpose;
- g) Respect for constitutional governance, in accordance with the Lomé Declaration, as well as the rule of law and human rights;
- h) 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;
- i) Commitment to honour financial obligations of the Union; and
- j) Provide all the information required in the attached form.

III. TERM OF OFFICE

12. The ten (10) Members of the PSC shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. A retiring Member of the PSC is eligible for immediate re-election.

IV. VOTING PROCEDURE

13. In conformity with the Modalities for the Election of Members of the Peace and Security Council adopted by the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in March 2004, the elections shall be carried out as follows:

- i.) The Members of the PSC shall be elected by secret ballot and two-thirds majority of Member States eligible to vote.
- ii.) Where the region(s) has submitted the required number of candidatures, the balloting shall continue until the candidate(s) obtains the two-thirds majority required, provided that if the third balloting remains inconclusive, the elections shall be suspended to enable Member States of the region concerned to undertake consultations.
- iii.) Where the region(s) has submitted more than the required number and in the event that during the first round of balloting none of the candidates obtains the majority required, the candidate with the fewer votes shall withdraw. The remaining candidates shall proceed to the next round and the balloting shall continue until the candidate(s) obtains the required majority, provided that if the third balloting remains inconclusive, the elections shall be suspended to enable Member States of the region concerned to undertake consultations.

14. The candidatures received from the regions or directly from individual Member States are listed in the Annex to this report.

**Candidatures for Membership of the
Peace and Security Council of the African Union**

2 Years-Term

Central Africa

- 1/ Burundi
- 2/ Chad

Eastern Africa

- 1/ Rwanda
- 2/ Uganda

Northern Africa

- 1/ Libya
- 2/ Tunisia

Southern Africa

- 1/ Swaziland
- 2/ Zambia

Western Africa

- 1/ Benin
- 2/ Burkina Faso
- 3/ Mali
- 4/ Senegal

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