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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (the Convention) was adopted by the Second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held in Maputo, Mozambique in July 2003 and entered into force on 5 August 2006, thirty (30) days after the deposit of the fifteenth (15th) instrument of ratification. To date twenty-seven (27) Member States have ratified and are States Parties to the Convention.

2. The Advisory Board on Corruption (the Board) is established within the African Union, in terms of Article 22 of the Convention. The main mandate of the Board is to promote and encourage the adoption of measures and actions by States Parties to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate corruption and related offences in Africa as well as to follow-up on the application of those measures.

II. COMPOSITION

3. The Board is composed of eleven (11) members, who must serve in their personal capacity.

4. In terms of Article 22 (2) of the Convention, in the election of the Members of the Board, the Executive Council shall ensure adequate gender representation and equitable geographical representation.

III. TERM OF OFFICE

5. In conformity with Article 22 (4) of the Convention, the Members of the Board numbering eleven (11) are elected for a term of two (2) years and may be re-elected only once.

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

6. The requirements for appointment as a Member of the Board are set out in Articles 22 (2) of the Convention, which requires Members of the Board to be:

- a) "Of the highest integrity, impartiality and recognized competence in matters relating to preventing and combating corruption and related offences.
- b) Nationals of States Parties to the Convention."

V. ELECTIONS

7. In conformity with Article 34 of the Convention and Rule 5 (1) (f) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, by which the Assembly of the Union has delegated its powers of election, the Executive Council is mandated to elect Members of the Board, and submit the names to the Assembly for appointment.

VI. PROCESS FOLLOWED

8. The Commission by its Note Verbale BC/OLC/24.12/8/Vol.VIII dated 8 November 2007 informed Member States that election of the first eleven (11) Members of the Board would be undertaken during the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2008. In addition, the Commission invited States Parties to the Convention to nominate and submit their candidatures on or before 15 December 2007.

9. It will further be recalled that vide its Note Verbale reference BC/OLC/24.12/64.08/Vol.VIII dated 18 January 2008, the Commission informed Member States that the elections would not take place as scheduled in view of the fact that nominations received from Member States were not sufficient to constitute the Board. The Commission also requested for additional candidatures to be submitted on or before 30 April 2008, and proposed that the elections take place in July 2008.

10. At the end of the second deadline for submission of candidatures, namely 30 April 2008, the Commission had received only seven (7) nominations and informed Member States that due to the fact that the States Parties did not submit a sufficient number of candidatures, the elections would be postponed to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in January 2009.

11. In the same vein, the Executive Council by its Decision Ex.CL/Dec.442 (XIII) adopted during its Thirteenth Ordinary Session held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in July 2008 decided to defer the election of the Members of the Board to its next Ordinary Session scheduled for January 2009 and called on Members States which are States Parties to the Convention to submit their candidatures. Pursuant to the said Decision, the Commission by its Note Verbale BC/OLC/24.12/063.08.vol. VIII dated 12 November 2008 reminded the Member States that the election of the first eleven (11) Members of the Board will take place during the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2009. The Commission also invited States Parties to the Convention to nominate and submit their candidatures on or before 12 December 2008.

VII. CANDIDATURES SUBMITTED

12. The Commission received the following candidatures in alphabetical order to fill in the eleven (11) vacancies, for a term of office of two (2) years:

No.	Name	Country	Region
1	Mr. Mazou Seidou ADAMOU	Niger	Western
2	Ms. Dorothy Nyagoha ANGOTE	Kenya	Eastern
3	Ms. Jane Mayemu ANSAH	Malawi	Southern
4	Mr. Abdul Tejan COLE	Sierra Leone	Western
5	Mr. Lamina Boto Tsara DIA	Madagascar	Eastern
6	Ms. Henriette Tall DIOP	Senegal	Western
7	Ms. Frene GINWALA	South Africa	Southern
8	Mr. Nabil HATTALI	Algeria	Northern
9	Mr. Léonidas HAVYARIMANA	Burundi	Central
10	Mr. M. Tougouri HONORÉ	Burkina Faso	Western
11	Mr. James KAHOOZA	Uganda	Eastern
12	Mr. Umaru Atu KALGO	Nigeria	Western
13	Mr. Alexander Amani MUGANDA	Tanzania	Eastern
14	Mr. Paulus Kalonho NOA	Namibia	Southern
15	Mr. Simon-Pierre NZOBABELA	Congo	Central
16	Mr. Martin RUSHWAYA	Zimbabwe	Southern
17	Mr. Costantinos Berhé TESFU	Ethiopia	Eastern

VIII. RECOMMENDATION

13. The Commission recommends the election of the eleven (11) Members of the Board by the Executive Council during its Fourteenth Ordinary Session scheduled from 29 to 30 January 2009 in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia.

ANNEXE: Curriculum Vitae of Candidates

CURRICULUM VITAE OF CANDIDATES

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