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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The African Committee of experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the Committee) is established within the African Union, in terms of Article 32 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the Charter).
2. The main mandate of the Committee is to promote and protect the rights and welfare of the African Child.

II. COMPOSITION

3. The Committee is composed of eleven (11) members, who must serve in their personal capacity.
4. In terms of Article 33 (3) of the Charter, the Committee shall not include more than one (1) national of the same state.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

5. These requirements are set out in Articles 33 and 35 of the Charter, which require members of the Committee to be:
 - a) "Of high moral standing, integrity, impartiality and competence in matters of the rights and welfare of the child".
 - b) Nationals of States Parties to the Charter.

IV. TERMS OF OFFICE

6. It will be recalled that the Commission by its Note Verbale **BC/OLC/24.9/89/Vol.VI** informed Member States that seven (7) vacancies had arisen as a result of the expiry, in July 2005, of the term of office of seven (7) of the members of the Committee. In addition, the Commission invited States Parties to the Charter to nominate and submit their candidatures for election during the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Sirte, Libya in July 2005.
7. In this regard, the Commission received only six (6) nominations in respect of seven vacancies, which were duly presented for election and elected by the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Executive Council (decision EX.CL/Dec.232 (VII)) and subsequently appointed by the Fifth Ordinary Session of the Assembly (decision Assembly/AU/Dec.85 (V)), held in Sirte, Libya in July 2005.
8. In view of the fact that there is still an outstanding vacancy on the Committee, the Commission, by its Note Verbale **BC/OLC/24.9/9/Vol.VII** invited States Parties to the Charter to nominate and submit nominations together with the Curricula Vitae by

15 December 2005. The Commission also informed Member States that the outstanding member will be elected during the Eight Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and appointed during the Fifth Ordinary Session of the Assembly to be held in Khartoum, Sudan, in January 2006.

V. CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

9. The current membership of the Committee are as follows:

No.	Name	Country	Term of Office
1.	Prof. Peter Onyekwere Ebigbo	Nigeria	5 years from July 2003
2.	Dr. Asseffa Bequele	Ethiopia	“ “ “ “ “
3.	Mr. Jean Baptiste Zoungrana	Burkina Faso	“ “ “ “ “
4.	Ms. Nakpa Polo	Togo	“ “ “ “ “
5.	Ms. Seynabou Ndiaye Diakhate	Senegal	5 years from July 2005
6.	Mrs. Koffi Appoh Marie-Chantal	Cote D'Ivoire	“ “ “ “ “
7.	Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome	Kenya	“ “ “ “ “
8.	Mrs. Mamosebi T. Pholo	Lesotho	“ “ “ “ “
9.	Ms. Boipelo Lucia Seithlano	Botswana	“ “ “ “ “
10.	Mr. Moussa Sissoko	Mali	“ “ “ “ “

VI. ELECTIONS

10. In conformity with Article XXXIV of the Charter and Rule 5 (1) (f) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, by which the Assembly has delegated its powers of election, the Executive Council shall elect members of the Committee in January 2006, for appointment by the Assembly.

VI. CANDIDATURES SUBMITTED

11. The Commission received the following candidatures to fill in the one (1) outstanding vacancy, for a term of office of five (5) years.

No.	Name	Region	Country
1.	Hon. Bwanika Bbaale ABSOLOM	East	Uganda
2.	Ms. Agnes AKOSUA Aidoo (Dr.)	West	Ghana
3.	Mrs. Dawlat Ibrahim HASSAN (Amb.)	North	Egypt

4.	Mrs. Mwanaidi Sinare MAAJAR	East	Tanzania
5.	Mrs. RAZAFINDRAKOTO Noro Vololona	East	Madagascar

ANNEXES: List of Candidates and Curricula Vitae

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CURRICULUM VITAE OF CANDIDATES

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