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1. The process of election of the 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 Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.106 (VI) adopted by the Sixth Ordinary of the Assembly in Khartoum, The Sudan, 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. 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 current elections relate to the elections of only the Members for a two (2) year term. Indeed, the term of the following ten (10) Members elected in January 2012 for a two (2) year term, namely **Cameroon and Congo (Central), Djibouti and Tanzania (East), Egypt (North), Angola and Lesotho (South) and Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia and Guinea (West)** will expire on **31 March 2014**. The Commission accordingly informed Member States vide its Notes Verbale BC/OLC/23.22/1019.13, BC/OLC/23.22/2507.13 and BC/OLC/23.22/2607.13 dated 30 July, 18 November and 3 December 2013, respectively, that ten (10) vacancies will arise as a result of the expiry of the terms of the ten (10) Members and that ten (10) new members will be elected during the Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2014. It should be noted that "A retiring Member of the PSC is eligible for immediate re-election".

6. For the current elections, the regional representation in relation to the Members to be elected for a two (2) year term is as follows:

Central	: 2;
East	: 2;
North	: 1;
South	: 2;
West	: 3.

7. The criteria to be taken into account when electing members of the PSC is provided for in Article 5 (2) of the PSC Protocol and it includes, inter alia, 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 Lome 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.

8. The Executive Council will recommend the elected members for appointment to the Twenty-Second Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

9. The list of Members of PSC since March 2004 is herewith attached to this report for information.

10. The candidatures received from the regions or directly from individual Member States are the following:

Annex: List of candidatures for Membership of PSC

**CANDIDATURES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

(2-YearTerm)

Central Africa

- Burundi
- Chad

Eastern Africa

- Comoros
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Somalia
- Tanzania

Northern Africa

- Libya

Southern Africa

- Namibia

Western Africa

- Gambia
- Guinea
- Niger
- Sierra Leone

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