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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Ministerial Committee on African candidatures in the international system met on 28 June, 2008 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, under the chairmanship of H.E Moctar Ouane, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Mali.

**II. PARTICIPATION**

2. The following countries attended the meeting: Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa and Uganda.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3. The following agenda was adopted:

- i) Implementation of decision EX.CL/Dec.405 (XII);
- ii) Consideration of African candidatures for posts in the international system;
- iii) Any Other Business.

**IV. DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

4. The representative of the Commission informed the Committee of the implementation of decision EX.CL/Dec. 405 (XII) and made a brief presentation on new African candidatures for posts in the international system, which have to be submitted to the Ministerial Committee to enable it to make the appropriate recommendations to the Executive Council.

5. The following delegations announced the withdrawal of their candidatures for seats on the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA): Tunisia, Libya and The Sudan. South Africa also announced the withdrawal of the candidature of Ambassador Abdul SAMAD MINTY for the post of President of the IAEA Board of Governors and has submitted his candidature for the post of IAEA Director General.

6. The Committee decided to support the candidatures of Egypt and Burkina Faso as Members of the Council of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

7. The Committee also recommended the support of the candidature of Dr Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf from Somalia for the post of Judge at the International Court of

Justice (ICJ), while the candidature of Professor Sayeman Bula-Bula from the Democratic Republic of Congo was not considered as the RDC is under sanction.

8. The Committee took note of the agreement reached between Madagascar and Uganda that in the spirit of mutual cooperation and friendship;

- a) there is a basis for a compromise on the candidature for the non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for 2009-2010;
- b) the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Madagascar will brief his President who in turn will present to his Ugandan counterpart a proposed compromise;
- c) the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uganda presented Uganda's undertaking to support the candidature of Madagascar when it comes up in the future.

9. It was decided that consideration of the candidature of Nigeria and Sierra Leone for the seat of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for which elections will be held in September 2009 for Nigeria and in September 2010 for Sierra Leone, should be deferred. Consequently, it was decided that in this regard, the candidatures of these two countries should be included on the agenda of subsequent sessions of the Ministerial Committee prior to the elections.

10. The Committee recommended the candidatures of Egypt and Tunisia for reelection for a seat in the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

11. The Ministerial Committee also provided its support for some candidatures submitted after the deadline for which no competition had been open at African level. These are the candidatures of Burkina Faso and Libya to the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union and of Mr. Gilbert Hougbo of Togo for the post of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

12. The candidate Fatih Bouayad-Agha of Algeria was recommended for a new term at the International Public Service Commission and Chief Michael Kaase Aondoaka, SAN, of Nigeria was recommended for the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDDROIT).

13. Mr. Pollar Awich of Uganda was also recommended for a seat on the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.

14. The Committee endorsed the candidature of Ambassador Ahmed Amin Fathalla of Egypt to the United Nations Human Rights Committee during the election to be held in September 2009.

15. In conclusion, the Ministerial Committee decided to meet again to be kept informed about the results of the consultations carried out with countries of the East

African region on the representation of this region for non-permanent seats on the Security Council.

16. The Committee decided that in the event that the current Director General, Mr. Mohamed El Baradei of Egypt does not contest for a new mandate, to support the candidature of Ambassador Abdoul Samad Minty of South Africa for the post of Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

17. The meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures for posts within the international system closed its deliberation at 18h00 local time.

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