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1. The process of election of the President and Vice President of the Pan African University (PAU) Council is based on the provisions of the Statute of the PAU as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
2. In terms of Article 7 (5) of the Statute of PAU, “the Executive Council shall elect the President and Vice President of the PAU Council from a list of five (5) candidates who should be citizens of the AU member States presented by the Bureau of the COMEDAF or STC in charge of education”. Council members shall serve for a three (3) year term renewable only once.
3. It should be emphasized that the Bureau of COMEDAF or the STC in charge of education should bear in mind that the nominations being presented reflect the regional rather than the national character
4. It should be recalled that during the January 2014, the Commission presented a Report on the Election of the Pan African University Council. However, after consideration of the Report, the Executive Council in its decision EX.CL/Dec.812 (XXIV) considered the requirement of the PAU Statute on the nomination of candidates for the President and Vice President for the PAU Council. The Executive Council expressed concern on the slow response from the members of the Bureau of COMEDAF in nominating their regional candidates for the PAU Council. In this regard, the Executive Council decided that the Commission should identify competent regional candidates in consultation with COMEDAF Bureau Members and submit the list of potential candidates during the June 2014 Summit.
5. In conformity with the above decision, the Commission had requested Member States to nominate eminent personalities to be considered for the presidency or vice presidency of the PAU Council. The list of candidates was submitted to COMEDAF VI during its meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon on 21 to 25 April 2014. During the COMEDAF VI meeting, COMEDAF requested the Commission to identify an eminent African of outstanding academic and social profile to be the PAU Council President and serve as PAU patron or sponsor in order to enhance the image of the PAU and attract resources. In view of this, there was need to amend the PAU Statute on the appointment of the PAU President. In addition, COMEDAF requested the Bureau of COMEDAF VI to go through the provided short list of candidates for the PAU Council and nominate one candidate per region, to be submitted to the Commission by 5 May 2014 for the June 2014 Summit to elect the PAU Council Vice President (See COMEDAF Report EX.CL/840 (XXV) presented to the June 2014 Malabo Summit, paragraphs xv and xvi).
6. The Executive Council during the June 2014 Summit, after consideration of the Report of COMEDAF VI and its recommendations, decided as follows (EX.CL/Dec.828 (XXV)):
 - “7. **DEPLORES** the fact that COMEDAF did not take the necessary measures to facilitate the election of the President and Vice President of the PAU Council.

8. **DECIDES** to postpone the election of the President and Vice President of the PAU Council
9. **INVITES COMEDAF** to take the necessary measures before the next Summit and make proposals to this effect, in accordance with the Statutes of the Pan African University.”

7. Pursuant to the above decision, the Bureau of COMEDAF VI met from 17 to 18 November 2014 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The main purpose of the meeting was to receive nominations for the election of the President and Vice President of the PAU Council from the five geographical regions of the African Union. The Bureau of COMEDAF is composed of the following members:

Central Africa	Cameroon
East Africa	Tanzania
North Africa	Mauritania
Southern Africa	Angola
West Africa	Nigeria

8. Nominations were received by the Directorate of Human Resources, Science and Technology in sealed envelopes from the Bureau Members except for Southern Africa.

9. In addition, the Commission received the candidature for the Southern Region from the Permanent Mission of Angola on 22 January 2015.

10. In this regard, the Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the nominations received from the Bureau Members of COMEDAF VI for the election of the President and Vice President of the PAU Council are as follows:

NAME OF CANDIDATE	NATIONALITY	REGION	REMARK (S)
Prof. Abdalla Uba ADAMU	Nigeria	West	CV attached
Prof. Paulo Horácio de Sequeira e CARVALHO	Angola	South	CV attached
Prof. Mohammed Vall Ould CHEIKH	Mauritania	North	CV not attached
Prof. Tolly S. MBWETTE	Tanzania	East	CV attached
Marcelline NNOMO ZANGA	Cameroon	Central	CV attached

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