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**OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN**  
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## REPORT ON THE ELECTION OF THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)

1. The election of members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) is governed by the provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter) and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

2. The ACHPR is established by Article 31 (1) of the African Charter which provides that the ACHPR "shall consist of eleven members chosen from among African personalities of the highest reputation, known for their high morality, integrity, impartiality and competence in matters of human and peoples' rights, particular consideration being given to persons having legal experience".

3. This election is being conducted as the term of office of the following three (3) Members of ACHPR who were elected in July 2009 for a term of six (6) years and in July 2011 for a term of four (4) years, pursuant to the provisions of Article 36 and 39 (3) of the African Charter, shall expire in July 2015:

NO	NAME	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Mr Pacifique MANIRAKIZA	Burundi	Central
2	Ms Zainab KAYITESI	Rwanda	East
3	Mr Mohamed Bechir KHALFALLAH	Tunisia	North

4. It should be noted that all the three (3) members above mentioned are eligible for re-election in conformity with the provisions of Article 36 of the African Charter.

5. In this regard, the current election relate to the election of three (3) Members for a six (6) year term.

6. It should be noted that according to the practices of the Union, during the election, the Executive Council should respect the principles of equitable geographical representation and equitable gender representation.

7. It should be recalled that the Assembly adopted Decision Assembly/AU.356 (XVI) during its Sixteenth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011, in which the Commission was requested to "*ensure the respect of the principle of geographical representation in all African Union organs with elected members, except in cases where a region which has been duly informed has not presented candidates*".

8. The Commission would like to draw the attention of Member States, that after the expiry of the terms of office of the three (3) members in July 2015, the regional and gender representation of ACHPR:

**a) Regional representation**

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

**b) Gender representation**

Female members : 5  
Male members : 3

9. The candidatures submitted by State Parties and received by the Commission are the following:

NO.	NAME	COUNTRY	REGION	GENDER
1	Mr. Steven James BWANA	Tanzania	Eastern	M
2	Mr. Solomon Ayele DERSSO	Ethiopia	Eastern	M
3	Mr. Olawale FAPOHUNDA	Nigeria	Western	M
4	Mrs. L. King JAMESINA ESSIE	Sierra Leone	Western	F
5	Ms. Sophie Asimenye KALINDE	Malawi	Southern	F
6	Mrs. Sylvie KAYITESI ZAINABO *	Rwanda	Eastern	F
7	Mr. Mohamed Béchir KHALFALLAH *	Tunisia	Northern	M
8	Mr. Michelo Kennedy HANSUNGULE	Zambia	Southern	M
9	Mr. Pacifique MANIRAKIZA *	Burundi	Central	M
10	Mr. Koffi Sylvain MENSAH ATTOH	Togo	Western	M
11	Ms. Lalane Josiane RALAIVAOARISOA	Madagascar	Eastern	F
12	Mr. Dieu-Donné WEDI DJAMBA	D.R. Congo	Central	M
13	Mr. Aladil Agib YAGOUB	Sudan	Eastern	M

\* **Note:** Nos. 6, 7 and 9 are seeking re-election.

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