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CANDIDATURES FOR POSTS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures for Posts within the International System held its Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Session on 27 January 2016, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the chairmanship of **H.E. Georges Chicoti, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola**.

2. After opening the meeting and addressing all protocol matters, the Chairperson presented the agenda of the session for adoption by the members.

II. PARTICIPATION

3. The following States, members of the Committee were present: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Eritrea, Egypt, The Gambia, Lesotho, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Tanzania and Chad.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The following agenda was adopted by the Committee:

- i) Implementation of Decision **EX.CL/Dec.917 (XXVII)**;
- ii) Consideration of African Candidatures for Posts within the International System;
- iii) Any Other Business.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION EX.CL/Dec.917(XXVII)

5. The Commission presented the report on the implementation status of Decision **EX.CL/Dec.917(XXVII)** on the candidatures endorsed by the Executive Council during its preceding sessions.

6. The Committee took note of the status of implementation of Decision **EX.CL/Dec.917(XXVII)** on African candidatures endorsed during the 27th Session held in June 2015 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The Committee recommends to the Executive Council to take note of the candidates who were elected and those who were not elected (See report).

7. The Committee, having noted the inadequate follow-up of candidatures approved by the Executive Council, and having obtained the advice of the Legal Counsel of the African Union, recommended the establishment of a mechanism and means to ensure the monitoring of Executive Council decisions on African candidatures for posts within the international system, as well as supporting endorsed candidatures.

V. CONSIDERATION OF AFRICAN CANDIDATURES FOR POSTS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

8. The Commission presented the candidatures submitted for approval by the Executive Council during its 28th Ordinary Session.

9. At their request, the Committee heard the presentations made by the candidates or their representatives on their profiles, experience, issues and procedures for the submission of candidatures, as well as their motivation for the posts applied for. Concerning the candidatures for which Member States had requested early consideration, namely those of President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization and Director General of the World Health Organization, the Committee took into account the internal mechanisms of the organizations in the consideration of the said candidatures.

10. With regard to new applications for posts within the international system, the Committee, having noted a few shortcomings at the level of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System, recommended a revision of certain provisions concerning the admissibility criteria and the deadline for the submission of candidatures.

11. The Committee recommends to the Executive Council to approve for the following candidatures:

- i) **election to the post of member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**, during the elections scheduled for *April 2016* in New York, the candidature of ***the Honourable Marc France Eddy Balancy***, *Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Mauritius*;
- ii) **election to the post of Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2017-2018**, *the candidature of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*;
- iii) **election to the post of member of the United Nations Human Rights Council** for the period 2017-2019, *the candidature of*
 - the Republic of Tunisia;
 - the candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- iv) **election to the post of member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council** for the period 2017-2020, during elections scheduled in April 2016:
 - the candidature of the Republic of Cameroon (under Central Africa);
 - the candidature of the Republic of Chad (under Central Africa);
 - the candidature of the Kingdom of Swaziland (under Southern Africa);

NB: The Permanent Representatives' Committee should facilitate consultations between Togo, Mali and Bénin for the nomination of a representative from West Africa within the Council.

- v) **election to the post of Secretary General of the International Seabed Authority**, during elections scheduled for July 2016 in Kingston, Jamaica, *the candidature of Mr. Nii Allotey Odunton of the Republic of Ghana*;
- vi) **election to the post of President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**, during elections scheduled for November 2016, *the candidature of Dr. Olumuyima Benard Aliu, of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*;
- vii) **election to the post of Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)** during elections scheduled for May 2017 on the occasion of the 70th Session of the World Health Assembly, *the candidature of H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*;
- viii) **election as Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea** during elections scheduled for June 2017 in New York, *the candidature of Mr. Boualem Bouguetala of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria*;
- ix) **election to the post of Member of the United Nations International Law Commission**, during elections scheduled for November 2016 on the occasion of the Sixty-First Session of the United Nations General Assembly:
 - the candidature of *Dr Yacouba CISSE*, of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
 - the candidature of **Prof. Chris Maina, of the United Republic of Tanzania**;
 - **Mr Dire David Tladi of the Republic of South Africa**;
 - **Honourable Amos Wako of the Republic of Kenya**;
 - **Ambassador Hussein Hassouna of the Arab Republic of Egypt**
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- x) **for re-election as Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) at elections scheduled for 2017, the candidature of Ms Jilary Amesika Gbedemah**;
- xi) **for re-election to the post of Director General of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) at elections scheduled for October, the candidature of Ambassador Bishar Hussein of the Republic of Kenya**;

- xii) to the post of **Member of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Category 3, at elections scheduled for October 2016 during the 39th ICAO Assembly, the candidature of the Republic of Kenya;**
- xiii) to the post of **Member of the Council of the Universal Postal Union and the Pan-African Council of Administration Panafricain** for the period 2016-2020, at elections scheduled for mid-June 2016 in Switzerland, **the candidature of the Republic of Uganda;**
- xiv) to the post of **Secretary General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization, at elections scheduled for August 2016, the candidature of Prof. Kennedy Godfrey Gastorn;**

12. With regard to the post of Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Committee took note of the two candidatures expressed, but however felt that since it concerned an appointment which was at the discretion of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and not an election, the African Group in New York should lobby the United Nations Secretary General in favour of the candidatures of Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, and Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

13. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the of the candidature of ***Mr Ali Ayad Kurer*** of the State of Libya for the **the post of member of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit for the period 2018-2023**, during elections scheduled for November 2016 in New York, until the June 2016 Session.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. Having discussed all the items on the agenda, the Chairperson closed the meeting.

**DRAFT DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES FOR POSTS WITHIN THE
INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM**

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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures for Posts within the International System;
2. **APPROVES** for :
 - i) **election to the post of member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**, during elections scheduled for *April 2016* in New York, the candidature of ***the Honourable Marc France Eddy Balancy***, *Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Mauritius*;
 - ii) **election to the post of Secretary General of the International Seabed Authority**, during the elections scheduled for July 2016 in Kingston, Jamaica, *the candidature of Mr. Nii Allotey Odunton of the Republic of Ghana*;
 - iii) **election to the post of President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**, during elections scheduled for November 2016, *the candidature of Dr. Olumuyima Benard Aliu, of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*;
 - iv) **election to the post of Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)** during elections scheduled for May 2017 on the occasion of the 70th Session of the World Health Assembly, the candidature of ***H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus*** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
 - v) **election to the post of Member of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit for the period 2018-2023**, at elections scheduled for November 2016 in New York, the candidature of ***Mr Ali Ayad Kurer*** from the State of Libya;
 - vi) **election as Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea** during elections scheduled for June 2017 in New York, ***the candidature of Mr. Boualem Bouguetala*** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
 - vii) **election to the post of Member of the United Nations International Law Commission**, during elections scheduled for November 2016 on the occasion of the Sixty-First Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the candidature of:

- **Dr. Yacouba CISSE, of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**
 - **Prof. Chris Maina, of the United Republic of Tanzania**
 - **Mr Dire David Tladi of the Republic of South Africa**
 - **Honourable Amos Wako of the Republic of Kenya**
 - **Ambassador Hussein Hassouna of the Arab Republic of Egypt**
- viii) **for re-election as Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) at elections scheduled for 2017, the candidature of *Ms Jilary Amesika Gbedemah*;**
- ix) **for re-election to the post of Director General of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) at elections scheduled for October, the candidature of Ambassador Bishar Hussein of the Republic of Kenya;**
- x) **to the post of Secretary General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization, at elections scheduled for August 2016, the candidature of Prof. Kennedy Godfrey Gastorn.**

3. ALSO TAKES NOTE and DECIDES to approve the following candidatures for:

- i) **election to the post of Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2017-2018, the candidature of the *Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*;**
- ii) **election to the post of member of the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2017-2019, the candidature of:**
- the Republic of Tunisia;
 - the candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- iii) **election to the post of member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the period 2017-2020, during elections scheduled in April 2016:**
- the candidature of the Republic of Cameroon (under Central Africa);
 - the candidature of the Republic of Chad (under Central Africa);
 - the candidature of the Kingdom of Swaziland (under Southern Africa).

NB: The Permanent Representatives' Committee should facilitate consultations between Togo, Mali and Benin for the nomination of a representative from West Africa within the Council.

- iv) **to the post of Member of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Category 3, at elections scheduled for October 2016 during the 39th ICAO Assembly, the candidature of the Republic of Kenya;**

- v) to the post of **Member of the Council of the Universal Postal Union and the Pan-African Council of Administration Panafricain** for the period 2016-2020, at elections scheduled for mid-June 2016 in Switzerland, **the candidature of the Republic of Uganda;**
4. **DECIDES** that with regard to the post of **Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, to take note of the candidatures of **Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, and Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**, and considering the fact that it concerns an appointment which is at the discretion of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and not an election, to instruct **the African Group in New York to lobby the United Nations Secretary General in favour of the African candidatures.**
5. **ALSO DECIDES** to defer consideration of the of the candidature of **Mr Ali Ayad Kurer** of the State of Libya for the **the post of member of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit for the period 2018-2023**, during elections scheduled for November 2016 in New York, until the June 2016 Session
6. **DECIDES** finally on the establishment of a sub-committee within the **Permanent Representatives' Committee**, responsible for following-up on candidatures approved by the Executive Council and **REQUESTS** the **Permanent Representatives' Committee** to make provisions for the necessary financial resources for the implementation of this decision and the smooth functioning of the **Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System.**

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