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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 through Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.106 (VI) adopted by the Sixth Ordinary of the Assembly in Khartoum, The Sudan, the Assembly delegated its power under Article 5 (2) of the Protocol, to elect members of PSC, 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 five Members for a three (3) year term. It should be recalled that the term of the following five members elected in January 2016 for a three (3) year term, namely: Congo (Central), Kenya (East), Egypt (North), Zambia (South) and Nigeria (West) will expire in January 2019.

6. The Commission accordingly informed Member States on 2 October 2018 vide its Note Verbal BC/OLC/ 23.21b/2219.18 that five (5) vacancies will arise as a result of the expiry of the terms of the five (5) Members and that new five (5) members will be elected during the Thirty Fourth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2019. The Commission, through Note Verbal No BC/OLC/ 23.21b/ 2449.18, dated 12 November 2018 extended the deadline for submitting candidatures to 26 November 2018.

7. Under Article 5 (3) of the Protocol, a retiring Member of the PSC is eligible for immediate re-election.

8. For the current elections, the regional representation in relation to the Members to be elected for a three (3) year term is as follows:

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

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

10. The Executive Council will recommend the elected members for appointment to the Thirty Second Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

11. The list of Members of PSC since March 2004 is herewith attached to this report.

12. The candidatures received by the OLC are the following:

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