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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ministerial Committee on African candidatures within the International System met in its 21st Ordinary Session on 12 July 2012, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the chairpersonship of H.E. Mr. Raymond Tshibanda N'tungamulongo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

2. The Chairperson of the Committee reminded the latter of the need to respect the Rules of Procedure as well as the working methods for consideration of the items on the agenda of the Session. The representative of Political Affairs Department then presented to the Committee, a report on the implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.692 (XX), as well as new African candidatures for posts within the international system on which the Ministerial Committee, after consideration, was expected to make appropriate recommendations to the 21st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

II. ATTENDANCE

3. The following Member States were in attendance: Angola, South Africa, Benin, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, The Gambia, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Chad, Tunisia and Uganda.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

- i) Implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.692 (XX);
- ii) Consideration of African candidatures for positions within the international system;
- iii) Any Other Business

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION EX.CL/Dec.692 (XX)

5. The Committee noted the status of implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.692 (XX) on African candidatures endorsed during the January 2012 Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

V. DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6. The Committee approved the following candidatures:

- i) Republic of Chad for the post of non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2014-2015, at elections to be held in New York, United States of America, in October 2013;

- ii) Dr. Kanayo Felix Nwanze of Nigeria, for the post of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), during elections due to take place in Rome, Italy, in September 2013;
- iii) H.E. Nii Allotey Odunton of Ghana, for re-election to the post of Secretary General to the International Seabed Authority, during elections that will take place at the 18th session of the Authority, due to hold in Kingston, Jamaica, from 16 to 27 July 2012;
- iv) People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for re-election to the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), at elections to be held during the 27th Congress of the UPU, in Doha, Qatar, from 24 September to 15 October 2012;
- v) Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and The Sudan for election as member of the Human Rights Council on the basis of the presentation of the African Union Mission in New York reporting on the consensus on this issue within the African Group in New York;
- vi) Dr. Olumuyiwa Bernard Aliu of Nigeria, for election to the post of President of the Executive Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), at elections to be held in 2013;
- vii) Mrs. Suzanne Aho of Togo, for election as member of the UN Council for the Rights of the Child, at elections due to take place in New York in December 2012;
- viii) Captain Awich Pollar of Uganda, for re-election as member of the UN Council for the Rights of the Child, at elections due to take place in New York in December 2012;
- ix) Republic of South Africa for election as member of the Economic and Social Council for the period 2013-2015, during the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York, in 2012. After hearing the presentation made by the African Union Mission in New York, giving a report on the consensus within the African Group in New York on the candidatures of Benin, Mauritius, South Africa, The Sudan and Tunisia, the Committee also endorsed the candidatures of these countries for election as member of the Economic and Social Council;
- x) Mr. Tawana Josief Motumisi of the Republic of South Africa for election as member of the Contributions Committee for the period 2013-2015, during the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York;
- xi) Republic of Mauritius for election as member of the Executive Board of UNESCO, for the period 2013-2017;
- xii) Mr. Bouzid Lazhari of Algeria, for re-election to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, during elections due to take place in New York in September 2012;

- xiii) Ambassador Ahmed Amin Fathallah of Egypt, for re-election as member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, during elections to be held in New York in September 2012;

7. Eritrea as East Africa representative, for election as member of the UN Consultative Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, at elections to be held during the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York in November 2012, in place of the candidature of Kenya, in the person of Mr George Orina, following the emerging consensus of the East Africa region. Having noted that it was not competent to examine candidatures for positions within African institutions, the Committee did not consider the following:

- i) Mr. Wilfrid A. Serge Martin of Benin, for election to the post of Secretary General of the Pan African Postal Union(PAPU), at elections which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in July 2012;
- ii) Mr. Kolawole Raheem Aduloju of Nigeria, for election to the post of Assistant Secretary General of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), during elections which will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 4-13 July.

8. In addition to the candidature of East Africa which received the consensus of that region, with regard to positions within the UN Consultative Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions there was disagreement on the representation of West Africa region within the Committee. The Executive Council had endorsed the candidature of Benin at its January 2012 Session (EX.CL/Dec.692 (XX)), but Senegal held that its candidature had also been submitted within the deadline, but was not tabled for consideration by the Ministerial Committee at the aforementioned session. Senegal also argued that, on the basis of the principle that candidatures should be submitted to the Executive Committee Session preceding the election to the desired post, it was convinced of its right to submit its candidature. The Committee decided to refer this matter to the Executive Committee for a decision, after expressing the view that it had no competence to rewrite a decision taken by the Executive Council. By way of update, the said Decision reads as follows:

- i) The candidature of Mr. Joseph V. Acakpo-Satchivi of Benin, which had been endorsed at the preceding Session of Council, for election as member of the UN Consultative Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at elections which will take place during the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York in November 2012;
- ii) The candidature of Mr Babou Sene of Senegal for election as member of the UN Consultative Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, at elections which will take place during the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York in November 2012.

9. As regards the candidature of the Republic of Cameroon for election to the post of President of the 69th Session of the UN General Assembly in 2014, the Committee noted that this candidature had been submitted within the deadline for

consideration by the Ministerial Committee at its July 2012 Session. However, to ensure equity for and accessibility of all States which desire the position, the Committee proposed that consideration of this post be done at the next session which precedes election to the post.

10. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the candidature of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for election as member of the United Nations Human Rights Council to the next sessions when the turn for the position becomes that of North Africa;

11. The Committee decided to endorse the unique candidatures which arrived outside of deadlines, with a view to ensuring that Africa is represented in the following positions:

- i) The candidature of Dr. Lassina Zerbo of Burkina Faso, for election to the post of Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), at elections to be held during the 39th Session of the Preparatory Commission of the Organization, due to take place in Vienna, Austria from 22 to 24 October 2012;
- ii) The candidature of Mr. Alan Kyerematen John Kwadwo of Ghana, for election to the post of Director General of the World Trade Organization, at elections which will take place this year;
- iii) The candidature of Namibia to host the Secretariat of the Green Fund for Climate Change.

12. The Committee observed that elections to the posts listed hereunder had already taken place and that it was not necessary to consider them:

- i) The candidature of Ms Violet Awori of Kenya for re-election as member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), during elections which took place in Geneva, in June 2012;
- ii) The candidature of Dr. Mabruka Sheriff Jabril Ali Maidani of Libya, as Expert of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which took place in New York on 26 June 2012;
- iii) The candidature of Mrs. Fatou Kiné Camara of Senegal, for election as member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which took place in New York on 26 June 2012;
- iv) The candidature of Mrs. Theodora Oby Nwankwo of Nigeria, for election as member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which took place in New York on 26 June 2012;

- v) The candidature of Mrs Virginie Shéry Nicole N'Dessabeka of Congo, for election as member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which took place in New York on 26 June 2012;
- vi) The candidature of Mr. Kalngui Emmanuel of Cameroon, for re-election as member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, at elections which took place during the 22nd Session of the Assembly of States Parties, in New York from 4 to 11 June 2012;
- vii) The candidature of Mr. Isaac Owusu Oduro of Ghana, for re-election as member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, at elections which took place during the 22nd Session of the Assembly of States Parties, in New York from 4 to 11 June 2012.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. The Committee recommended an urgent revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures in order to take on board the numerous gaps highlighted during consideration of the candidatures. To this end, all Member States are invited to forward their amendment proposals to the Commission not later than two (2) months before the next AU Assembly Session.

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