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1. The election of Members of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) is governed by the provisions of the Statute of the AUCIL and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

2. The AUCIL was established on the basis of Article 5(2) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union as an advisory organ of the Union. The Statute of the AUCIL under Article 3 provides that the AUCIL membership consists of eleven (11) members, who have “*recognised competence in international law, who are nationals of Member States and who shall serve in their personal capacities.*” Furthermore, Article 3 (2) of the Statute states that the AUCIL shall not include more than one (1) national from the same State.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 (2) of the Statute, the AUCIL Members are elected for a period of five (5) years and are eligible for re-election only once. The terms of office of the following five (5) Members of AUCIL who were elected in May 2013 for a term of five (5) years shall expire in July 2018:

- i) Ms. Hajer Gueldich (Tunisia);
- ii) Mrs. Naceesay Salla- Wadda (The Gambia);
- iii) Mr. Boniface Obinna Okere (Nigeria);
- iv) Mr. Kholisani Solo (Botswana); and
- v) Mr. Daniel Makiesse Mwanawanzambi (Democratic Republic of Congo).

4. Article 11 of the Statute provides that Members of AUCIL are elected by the Executive Council by secret ballot.

5. The Commission would like to draw the attention of all Member States to Decision EX.CL/907 (XXVIII) adopted by the Executive Council during the January 2016 Summit on the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in the African Union Organs. Paragraph 2 of the said Decision provides as follows:

- i) The regional representation, where applicable, shall be East (2), Central (2), North (2), South (2) and West (2), except in cases in which a region which has been duly informed has not presented candidates;
- ii) Where applicable, one (1) seat shall be a floating seat and will rotate among the five (5) regions;
- iii) At least one (1) member from each region should be a woman;
- iv) The modalities shall become effective immediately.

6. The Commission would like to draw to the attention of Member States that after the expiry of the terms of office of the five (5) Members in July 2018, the regional and gender representation of the AUCIL will be as follows:

REGION	MEMBERS	GENDER	
		FEMALE	MALE
Central	0	0	0
East	2	1	1
North	1	0	1
South	1	0	1
West	2	1	1
TOTAL	6	2	4

7. In this regard, during these elections, in accordance with the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in the African Union Organs, the following Members shall be elected:

- **Central Region:** (two (2) candidates: One (1) Male and One (1) Female),
- **Northern Region:** (one (1) Female candidate), and
- **Southern Region:** (one (1) Female candidate).

8. In addition, the Executive Council will elect one (1) Member for the floating seat from any of the five (5) regions in accordance with Paragraph 2 (ii) of the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in the African Union Organs.

9. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the candidatures received by the Commission from Member States are as follows:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
*1	Hajer GUELDICH	Female	Tunisia	Northern
2	Yannis Bruno ISSOGUI	Male	Gabon	Central
3	El Arby KHTOUR	Male	Mauritania	Northern
4	Kevin Ferdinand NDJIMBA	Male	Gabon	Central
*5	Boniface Obinna OKERE	Male	Nigeria	Western
6	Narindra Arivelo RAMANANARIVO	Female	Madagascar	Eastern
7	Sindiso N. SICHONE	Female	Zambia	Southern

**Candidate 1 and 5 are seeking re-election*

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