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1. The election of Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) is governed by the provisions of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the Charter) and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
2. The ACERWC is established by Article 33 (1) of the Charter. Article 33 (1) of the Charter provides that the ACERWC shall consist of eleven (11) Members of high moral standing, integrity, impartiality and competence in matters of the rights and welfare of the child. Members of the ACERWC serve in their personal capacity.
3. Furthermore, Article 33 (3) of the Charter provides that the ACERWC shall not include more than one (1) national from the same State.
4. The terms of office of the following four (4) Members of ACERWC who were elected in May 2013 for a term of five (5) years, pursuant to the provisions of Article 37 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, shall expire in July 2018:
 1. Ms Azza Ashmawy (Egypt);
 2. Ms. Suzanne Aho-Assouma (Togo);
 3. Ms. Sidikou Aissatou Alassane Moulaye (Niger); and
 4. Mr. Joseph Ndayisenga (Burundi).
5. The Members of the ACERWC serve for a term of five (5) years which may be renewed only once in accordance with Decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 548 (XXIV) adopted during its Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2015.
6. 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.

7. The Commission would like to draw to the attention of Member States that after the expiry of the terms of office of the four (4) Members in July 2018, the regional and gender representation of the ACERWC will be as follows:

REGION	MEMBERS	GENDER	
		FEMALE	MALE
Central	0	0	0
East	2	0	2
North	1	0	1
South	2	2	0
West	2	2	0
TOTAL	7	4	3

8. 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) Members: One (1) Male and One (1) Female, and
- **Northern Region:** One (1) Female Member.

9. 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.

10. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the candidatures received by the Commission from the States Parties to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child are as follows:

NO.	NAME	COUNTRY	REGION	Gender
1	AL ASHMAWY Azza*	Egypt	Northern	F
2	ANDRIAMIANDRA Nivoherifidy	Madagascar	Eastern	M
3	AZAMBO Badabossia Albertine	Togo	Western	F
4	DIOUF Mame Ngor	Senegal	Western	M
5	KALOKO Mustapha Sidiki	Sierra Leone	Western	M
6	KANYAMANZA Claudine Uwera	Rwanda	Eastern	F

7	MNISI Dumisani Barthalomew	Swaziland	Southern	M
8	MNISI Lungile Nonhlanhla	Swaziland	Southern	F
9	NDAYISENGA Joseph*	Burundi	Central	M
10	SHALABI Yasir Saleim Ali	Sudan	Eastern	M
11	SIDIKOU Aissatou Alassane Moulaye*	Niger	Western	F
12	SISSOKO Moussa	Mali	Western	M

* Nos. 1, 9 and 11 are seeking Re-election

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