

DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System on the post of **Judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ)**, for the period **2021-2030**, which is to take place during the election scheduled for September 2020 in New York, USA.
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the deliberations on the post of the Director-General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** for the period **2020-2026**, during the election scheduled for 5 to 6 March **2020** in Geneva, Switzerland.
3. **DECIDES:**
 - i) On the matter of the candidature for the post of **Judge** at the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** to request the three (3) Member States (Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda) to consult at the highest level with a view of reaching consensus on one African candidate to this post and report to the Executive Council through the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System on the margin of the Extraordinary Summit, in May 2020, in South Africa;
 - ii) To approve the candidature of **Dr. Edward Kwakwa** of the Republic of Ghana for the post of **Director-General** of the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** for the period 2020-2026, which is to take place during the election scheduled for 5 to 6 March 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland;
 - iii) To encourage the Republic of Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso to continue consultations in respect of the post of **Judge** at the **International Criminal Court (ICC)** for the period 2021-2030 with the view to agree on one common African candidate at the latest by July 2020;
 - iv) To call on Member States to uphold the Rules of Procedures of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System and demonstrate a sense of solidarity and pan-Africanism, predicated on consultations and consensus, by speaking with one voice in the international arena.