

DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

The Executive Council;

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
2. **FURTHER NOTES** the Council's decisions requesting the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of South Africa to consult and agree on one African candidate for the post of the President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA);
3. **COMMENDS** the withdrawal of the **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region) for adhering to the spirit of African solidarity and shared values in favor of the candidacy of the Republic of Cameroon (Central Africa Region) which was announced at the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures Meeting
4. **ENDORSES** the candidature of the Republic of Cameroon as the African candidate for the post of the President of the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly.
5. **RECALLS** that the Southern African Region should produce the President of the UN General Assembly for the 84th Session in the spirit of regional equity; **FURTHER RECALLS** Executive Council Decision EX.CL/DEC.1225(XLIII) which recognised that there is no clear, time-tested rotation plan existing within the African bloc for the Post of the President of the UNGA, and **CONSEQUENTLY RECOMMENDS** a rotational plan to be implemented subsequent to the 84th Session of the UNGA which shall follow English alphabetical order as below:
 - a. Central Africa Region
 - b. Eastern Africa Region
 - c. Northern Africa Region
 - d. Southern Africa Region, and
 - e. Western Africa Region.
6. **ENDORSES NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**
 - A. For the election for the Post of **Vice-President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2024-2025**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
 - **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Madagascar** (Eastern Africa region)
 - **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)

- **Pending** (Southern Africa Region)
- B. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Executive Board of ILO for the period 2025-2027**, to be held in June 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Benin** (Western Africa Region)
- C. For the election for the Post of a **Member for the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee of Cultural Heritage for the period 2025-2028**, to be held in June 2024 in Paris, France, the candidature of:
- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (ELECTED for the Northern Africa Region)
- D. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2025-2026**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Republic of Somalia** (Eastern Africa Region)
- E. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Economic, Cultural and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2025-2027**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (ELECTED for the Northern Africa Region)
 - **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
- F. For election for the Post of **Member of Council of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in July 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of the Gambia – Under Group E** (Western Africa Region)
- G. For election for the Post of the **Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Coordinating Board for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Kingdom of Lesotho** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
- H. For election for the Post of **Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Equatorial Guinea** (Central Africa Region)

- **State of Eritrea** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Southern Africa Region)
- I. For election for the Post of **Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Chad** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Madagascar** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Mozambique** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
- J. For election for the Post of **Executive Board on UN-Women for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Equatorial Guinea** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region)
- K. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission on UN Peace Building for the period 2025-2026**, for the election held in December 2024 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- L. For election for the Post of the **Committee for the United Nations Population Award for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of the Gambia** (**ELECTED** for the Western Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)
- M. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission for Social Development for the period 2025-2029**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)

- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)
- N. For election for the Post of a **Commission on Population and Development for the period 2025-2029**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Malawi** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)
- O. For election for the Post of a **Commission on the Status of Women for the period 2025-2029**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- P. For election for the Post of a **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Tunisia** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of the Gambia** (**ELECTED** for the Western Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Togo** (Western Africa Region)
- Q. For election for the Post of a **Commission on Science and Technology for Development for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Gambia** (Western Africa Region)
- R. For election for the Post of a **Committee for Programme and Coordination for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Botswana** (Southern Africa Region)
- S. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2026-2027**, to be held in June 2025, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central African Region)

- **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region)
- T. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2027-2028**, to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region)

7. TAKES NOTE OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:

- A. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2025-2027**, to be held in October 2024 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Benin** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Cabo Verde** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of the Gambia** (**ELECTED** for the Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Niger** (Western Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)

NB: Only Five (05) seats are available for Africa. Ongoing consultations in the Eastern and Western Africa regions to identify the two candidates allocated to each of the two regions.

- B. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Governing Council** of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2025-2026, to be held in September 2024 in Vienna, Austria, the candidature of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)

- C. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2028-2029**, to be held in June 2027, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **State of Libya** (Northern Africa Region)

NB: The Northern Africa Region is requested to consult and agree on one candidate. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.

- D. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2032-2033**, to be held in June 2031, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
- E. For the election for the Post of a **Membership of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2025-2029**, to be held in November 2024 in Paris, France, the candidature of:
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Togolese Republic** (Western Africa Region)
8. **ENDORSES NEW CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**
- A. For the election for the Post of the Regional Director for Africa of the World Health **Organization (WHO) for the period 2025-2028**, to be held in June 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidatures of:
- **Dr. Ibrahima Soce Fall** of the Republic of Senegal (Western Africa Region)
- B. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) for the period 2025-2027**, to be held in June 2024 in New York, USA, the candidatures of
- **Mrs. Eunice Njonana** of the Republic of Zimbabwe (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Ms. Donatienne Girukwishaka** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)
- NB: The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.**
- C. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee Against Torture (CAT) for the period 2025-2027**, to be held in June 2024 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Dr. Akouavi Ines Laurenda Hadonou Toffoun** of the Republic of Benin (Western Africa Region)
- D. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD) for the period 2025-2028**, to be held in April 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Dr. Christopher Nwanoro** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Western Africa Region)
 - **Mr. Abdelmajid Makni** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

NB: There is no geographical distribution allocated to this treaty body.

E. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for the period 2025-2030**, to be held in April 2024 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Jallal Toufiq** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)
- **Ms. Meriem Hebidel** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region)

NB: There is no geographical distribution allocated to this treaty body.

F. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) for the period 2025-2027**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Prof. Cephas Lumina** of the Republic of Zambia (Southern Africa Region)
- **Prof. Biniam Dawit Mezmur** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Eastern Africa Region) - Re-election
- **Mr. Joseph Ndayisenga** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)
- **Ms. Zainabu Altalib Moussa** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Timothy Philip Tembete Ekesa** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region)

NB: There is no geographical distribution allocated to this treaty body.

G. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Committee for the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights for the period 2025-2028**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Amb. Wafaa Bassim** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Imeru Tamerat Yigezu** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Mahjoub El-Haiba** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)
- **Ms. Kpatcha-Tchamdja Kobauyah** of the Togolese Republic (Western Africa Region) **Re-election**
- **Prof. Pacifique Manirakiza** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)

NB: There is no geographical distribution allocated to this treaty body.

H. For the election for the Post of the **Vice-Chair of the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79th Session**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. El-hadj Lehibib Mohamedou** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)

I. For election for the Post of the **Vice-Chair of the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79th Session**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Emmanuel Kingi** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Ezekwesiri David Anyaegbu** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Western Africa Region)
- **Mr. Assane Dioum** of the Republic of Senegal (Western Africa Region)

NB: One (1) seat is allocated for Africa. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.

J. For the election for the Post of the **Chair of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79th Session**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **H.E. Amb. Zephyrin Maniratanga** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)

K. For election for the Post of the **Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79th Session**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Ms. Makarabo Moloeli** of the Kingdom of Lesotho (Southern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Abd-El Kader Y. Tchalare** of the Republic of Togo (Western Africa Region)

NB: One (1) seat is allocated for Africa. The two Member States are requested to consult and agree on one candidate. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward

L. For election for the Post of the **Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79th Session**, to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Elaye Djibril Yacin Abdillahi** of the Republic of Djibouti (Eastern Africa Region)

M. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the period of 2025-2028**, to be held in April 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Ms. Charafat Afailal** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

- **Mr. Bouzid Lazhari** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region)

NB: There is no geographical distribution allocated to this treat body.

N. For the election for the Post of a **Secretary General of INTERPOL, for the period of 2025-2029** for the election to be held in April 2024, in Glasgow, UK, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Mubita Nawa** of the Republic of Zambia (Southern Africa Region)

O. For the election for the Post of **Vice-President for Africa of the Executive Committee of INTERPOL, for the period of 2025-2029** for the election to be held in April 2024, in Glasgow, UK, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Mohammed Dkhissi** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

P. For the election for the Post of **Executive Director for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), for the period of 2025-2029** for the election to be held in March 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Philippe Camille Akoa** of the Republic of Cameroon (Central Africa Region)

Q. For the election for the Post of the **Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2026-2029**, to be held in the last quarter of 2025, in Paris, France, the candidature of:

- **Dr. Khaled El-Anany** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)

R. For election as a Member of the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2025-2030**, scheduled for November 2024 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Katlego Boase Mmalane** of the Republic of Botswana (Southern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Djo Paul Kpeye** of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (Western Africa Region)

S. For election for a Post of **Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) for the period 2025-2027**, during the election scheduled for April 2024 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Diomède Rutumwako** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)

- **Prof. Solomon T. Ngahu, PhD.** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Ms. Dorothy Wakumelo** of the Republic of Zambia (Southern Africa Region)

T. For election as a Member of the **Committee on Contributions for the period 2025-2027**, scheduled for November 2024 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. René Michel Mizingou Nzaba** of the Republic of Congo (Central Africa Region)

U. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for the period 2025-2030**, for the election to be held in November 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Makiesse Kinkela Augusto** of the Republic of Angola (Southern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum** of the State of Eritrea (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Robert Nguei Mule** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region)

9. **TAKES NOTE OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**

A. For the election for the Post of **Secretary General of the Commonwealth for the period 2025-2029**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in Apia, Samoa, the candidatures of:

- **Hon. Shirley Ayokor Botchwey** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
- **H.E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara**, Current Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Gambia (Western Africa Region)
- **Senator Joshua Phoho Setipa**, of the Kingdom of Lesotho (Southern Africa Region)

NB: Tanzania decided to withdraw its candidate for this post. Member States are requested to undertake further consultations in order to agree on one African candidate for this important post.

B. For the election for the Post of the **Chairperson of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the period 2026-2030**, to be held in June 2025, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Ali Ayad Ali Kurer** of the State of Libya (Northern Africa Region)
- **Amb. Andrew Gbebay Bangali** of the Republic of Sierra Leone (Western Africa Region)

NB: The two Member States are requested to consult and agree on one candidate. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.

C. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee against Torture (CAT) for the period 2026-2029**, to be held in October 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Abderrazak Rouwane** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

D. For the election for the Post of a Member of the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2027-2029**, to be held in November 2026, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Name to be Submitted** of the Republic of Djibouti (Eastern Africa Region)

10. ON OTHER ISSUES

The Council;

- A. **CALLS ON** AU Member States to continue to provide the necessary political support to the Committee with the overall objective of ensuring a strong African presence within the International System;
- B. **COMMENDS** the Commission for conducting training programmes on the **Revised Rules of Procedure** and the **E-Portal for African Candidatures within the International System in New York** and **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue with this initiative and to develop a training manual and for ongoing orientation programmes for focal persons of AU Member States at their capitals, in Addis Ababa and the African Group in Geneva;
- C. **REQUESTS** the African Groups in New York and Geneva to develop their internal guidelines in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidature for alignment and uniformity. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to provide the necessary technical support.
- D. **INSTRUCTS** the PRC to allocate adequate budget for these engagements and other activities of the Committee in support of campaigns for African candidatures in the international system with the overall objective of Africa being a strong united, resilient and influential player within International System.

- E. NOTES** the Western Region's objection to the revised composition of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures and its request to the Office of the Legal Counsel to clarify the procedure for revising the composition of a Ministerial Committee. **WELCOMES** the legal opinion provided by the Office of the Legal Counsel and **REQUESTS** further consultation on this matter.