

DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE 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. **ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE PENDING CANDIDATURES** for election as President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2024-2025, which is scheduled for **June 2023**, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:
 - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)

N.B.: The Executive Council noted the submission of the two Members States from two different African Regions. Currently, there is no approved rotation plan within the African bloc for the post of President of the UNGA. To reach a political consensus, a consultation at the level of both Foreign Ministers, and, if necessary, at the level of Heads of State to agree on one African candidate.

3. **RECOGNISES** that there is no clear and approved rotation plan existing within the African bloc for the Post of President of the UNGA.

ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMENDS that a political consensus is required, implying that both countries should consult at the level of both Foreign Ministers and, if necessary, Heads of State to agree on an African candidate for this post. If an agreement is not reached, a final decision will be taken by the Assembly on the way forward for the 2024-2025 African candidature; **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** that whatever the outcome, a clean rotational plan should be implemented as from the next turn of Africa for PGA based on the English alphabetical order.

4. **ENDORSES NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**

- A. For election for the Post of **Member of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2023-2027**, to be held in November 2023 in Paris, France, the candidatures of:
 - **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)

- B.** For election for the Post of **Member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the period 2024-2026**, to be held in April 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region)
- C.** For election for the Post of **Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2024-2026**, which is to be held in October 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Malawi** (Southern Africa Region)
- NB: Only Four (04) seats are available for Africa. The 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council took note of the candidatures of Republic of Mali and Republic of Ghana for the same period. The African Group In New York is requested to advise on the way forward. Undergoing consultations at the Western Africa Region level to identify the two candidates allocated to the region.**
- D.** For election for the Post of **Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2025-2027**, which is to be held in October 2024 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- E.** For election for the Post of **Member of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for the period 2024-2027**, to be held in April 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region): Re-election
 - **Pending** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Madagascar** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)

- F. For election for the Post of **Member of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Region “A” for the period 2024-2025**, to be held in November 2023 in London, UK, the candidatures of:
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) **Re-election**
 - **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region)
- G. For election for the Post of the **Council of International Maritime Organization, Region “C” for the period of 2024-2025**, election which is to be held in November/December 2023, in London, the candidature of:
- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
- H. For election for the Post of the **Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization**, which election is to be held during the 25th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of the Organization taking place in November 2023 in Uzbekistan, the candidature of:
- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
- I. For election for the Post of **Vice President of the United Nations General Assembly** during the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2023 for the one seat of the Eastern African Region at the United Nations, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Gambia** (Western Africa Region)
- J. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission for Social Development for the period 2024-2027** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Pending** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Togo** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Western Africa Region)
- K. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Statistical Commission for the period 2024-2027** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Sierra Leone** (Western Africa Region): **Re-election**
- L. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission on Population and Development for the period 2024-2027** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Pending** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Western Africa Region)
- M. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for the period 2024-2027** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Mali** (Western Africa Region)
- N. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the period 2024-2027** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Central Africa Region)
 - **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Southern Africa Region)
- O. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for the period 2024-2027** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
- P. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) for the period 2024-2026** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region): Re-election
 - **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
- Q. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and**

Reporting (ISAR) for the period 2024-2026 during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Pending** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region): Re-election
- **Republic of Togo** (Western Africa Region)
- **Pending** (Western Africa Region)

R. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the period 2024-2026** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)

S. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Executive Board of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS for the period 2024-2026** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Tunisia** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region): Re-election

T. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) for the period 2024-2026** during the election scheduled for April 2023 in New York, the candidature of:

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

U. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee on Conferences for the period 2024-2026** during the election scheduled for November 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Botswana** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Sierra Leone** (Western Africa Region)

V. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Coordinating Board (UNAIDS) for the period 2024-2026** during the election scheduled for November 2023 in New York, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)

W. For election for the Post of **Chairman of the Group of 77 and China for the period 2024-2025**, which is to be held in June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)
- X. For election for the Post of **Member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO for the period 2025-2028**, due for November 2023 in Paris, France, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- Y. For election for the Post of **Member of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) for the period 2023-2025**, due for June 2023, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- Z. For election for the Post of **Member of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) for the period 2023-2027**, due for November 2023, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- AA. For election for the Post of **Member of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST) for the period 2023-2027**, due for November 2023, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- BB. For election for the Post of **Member of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for the period 2023-2027**, to be held in November 2023 in Paris, France, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
5. **TAKES NOTE OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**
- A. For election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission on UN Peace Building for the period 2024-2027** during the election scheduled for December 2023 in New York, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)
- B. For election for the Post of **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 candidature of:
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)

NB: The 39th and 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council took note of the candidature of Somalia and Mauritius respectively for the same period. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.

C. For election for the Post of **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 candidature of:

- **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** (Central African Region)

D. For election for the Post of **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 candidature of:

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)

NB: The 38th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in February 2021 took note of the candidature of the Kingdom of Morocco and the State of Libya. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.

E. For election for the Post of **Member of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2025-2029**, due for November 2024 in Paris, France, the candidature of:

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

F. For election as **President of the 84th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2029-2030**, which is scheduled for **June 2028**, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)

G. For election for the Post of **Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2025-2027**, which is to be held in October 2024 in New York, USA, the candidature of

- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)

H. For election for the Post of a Member of the **Commission on the Status of Women for the period 2025-2028** during the election scheduled for April 2024 in New York, the candidature of:

- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)

6. ENDORSES NEW CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:

A. For election as a **Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC), for the period 2014-2029**, during the election scheduled to take place in December 2023 in New York, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Rajaona ANDRIAMANAKIANRIANANA** of the Republic of Madagascar

B. For election as a **Chair of the Fifth Committee (Administrative & Budgetary) of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, scheduled for June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **H.E. Mr. Osama Abdelkhalek**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations (Northern Africa Region)

NB: South Africa withdrew its candidate in support of the candidate of Egypt.

C. For election as **Chair of the Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization Committee) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, due in June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations (Southern Africa Region)
- **Candidate to be submitted by Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
- **Candidate to be submitted by Mauritius** (Southern Africa Region)

D. For election as **Vice-Chair of the Second Committee (Economic & Financial) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, during the election scheduled for June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Candidate to be submitted by Kenya**
- **Candidate to be submitted by Ghana**

E. For election as **Vice-Chair of the First Committee (Disarmament & International Security) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, during the election scheduled for June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Yaseen Lagardien** of the Republic of South Africa

F. For election as **Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee (Legal) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, during the election scheduled for June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Moussa Mohamed Moussa** of the Republic of Djibouti

G. For election as a **Member of the Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW) for the period 2024-2027**, slated for New York in November 2023, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Mohammed CHAREF** of the Kingdom of Morocco
- **Mr. Khaled Cheikhna BABACAR** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

NB: The Africa Group in New York is requested to advise on the number of seats allocated for Africa in this Committee.

H. For election as a **Member of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, for the period 2024-2026**, at the elections to be held in November 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Imran Vanker** of the Republic of South Africa (Re-election)

I. For election for the Post of **Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**, election to be held in **June 2024**, of the candidature of:

- **Prof. Cephas Lumina** of the Republic of Zambia

J. For re-election for the Post of **Vice President of the World Metrological Organization, for the period 2023-2027**, during the election to be held in May/June 2023 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, of the candidature of:

- **Mr. Konaté Daouda** of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

7. TAKE NOTES OF NEW INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATURES SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:

A. For election as a **Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2024-2026**, scheduled for November 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Nabil KALKOUL** of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Abdallah Bachar BONG** of the Republic of Chad (Central Africa Region)
- **Mr. Hicham OUSSIHAMOU** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

NB: Africa is represented by five members, one for each region. Ms. Caroline Nalwanga, the candidate for the Eastern Africa Region was endorsed by the

40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council. The candidatures for the Western and Southern Africa Regions will be renewed in 2024. Tunisia withdrew its candidate in support of the candidate of Algeria.

REQUESTS the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System to consider the issues of admissibility raised for the ACABQ and to report to the 43rd Session of the Executive Council.

ON OTHER ISSUES

The Executive Council;

- 8. ENDORESES** the Commission's initiative to launch an **E-Portal for African Candidatures within the International System** and **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a training manual and conduct orientation programmes for the already identified Focal Persons of Member States;
- 9. COMMENDS** the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System at the Ambassadorial Level for its efforts to meet as a Committee of the whole for information sharing among all Member States. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Committee at the Ministerial Level to continue to meet as a Committee of 15 Member States;
- 10. URGES** the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures through its Secretariat to work closely with the African Groups in New York and Geneva and to meet on regular basis to enhance coordination and collaboration, and **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 the AU being a strong united, resilient and influential player within International System
- 11. APPROVES** the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System.