DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN
THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
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The Executive Council,

1. Takes Note of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African candidatures within the international system;

2. Endorses the following candidatures:

   i) For the post of Judge to the International Criminal Court, re-affirms its earlier Decision EX.CL/Dec.810 (XXIV) of January 2014 in support of the candidature of Mr. Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua of the Democratic Republic of Congo;

   ii) For the post of Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization for the period 2016-2020, the candidature of Mr. Jeremiah Lengoasa, of South Africa;

   iii) For membership and for the post of Chairperson of the International Civil Service Commission for the period 2015-2018 during elections to be held in New York in 2014, the candidature of Mr. Kingston Rhodes Papie of the Republic of Sierra Leone;

   iv) For membership of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit for the period 2016-2021, the candidature of Mr Jean Christian Obame of the Republic of Gabon;

   v) For membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions during elections to be held in November 2014, the candidature of Mr Ali Eiad Krer of the state of Libya;

   vi) For membership of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the candidature of Mrs. Kheira Ouguini of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; the re-election of Mrs Navamanee Ratna (Pramila) Patten of the Republic of Mauritius and the candidature of Ambassador Naela Gabr of the Arab Republic of Egypt;

   vii) For the post of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union during elections to be held from 20 October to 7 November 2014 in Busan, South Korea, the candidature of Mr. Brahim Sanou of Burkina Faso;

   viii) For membership of the Committee on Radio Communication Regulation (RRB) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) during elections to be held in Busan, South Korea, from 20 October to 7 November 2014, the candidature of Mrs Anissa Guellal of
the Peoples Democratic Republic of Algeria; and candidature of Mr Starley Kaige Kibe of the Republic of Kenya;

ix) **For membership of the UN Advisory Committee on Independent Audit** during elections to be held in November 2014, the candidature of Mr Richard Quartei Quartey of the Republic of Ghana;

x) **For the post of Secretary General of the African Union Telecommunication**, the candidature of Mr. Abdoulkarim Soumaila of the Republic of Niger;

xi) **For membership of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child** during elections to be held on 25 June 2014 in New York, the candidature of Mr. Sambala Traore of the Republic of Mali, the candidature of Mr. Hatem Kotrane of the Republic of Tunisia, the candidature of Mrs Louisa Oussedik of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the candidature of Ambassador Gahad Madi of the Arab Republic of Egypt;

xii) **For membership of the Economic and Social Council**, the candidature of Burkina Faso, the candidature of the Republic of Ghana, the candidature of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the candidature of the Republic of Uganda and the candidature of the Republic of Zimbabwe;

xiii) **For membership of the Committee on Conferences**, the candidature of the Republic of Namibia and the candidature of the Republic of Central African Republic;

xiv) **For the post of President of G-77 and China**, the candidature of South Africa;

xv) **For the Vice Chairman of the CODEX Alimentarius Commission** at elections scheduled to be held in Geneva from 14-18 July, the candidature of Professor Salah Abou-Raya of the Arab Republic of Egypt;

3. **FURTHER APPROVES:**


ii) The candidature of Burkina Faso, the candidature of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the candidature of the Republic of Senegal and the candidature of the Republic of Ghana, the candidature of the Republic of Kenya and the candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union for the period 2014-2018;
iii) The candidatures of the Republic of The Sudan and the Republic of Angola for membership of the Board of Directors of the International Labour Office for the 2014-2017 period, according to consultation by the Commission and Social Affairs in pursuance of Decision EX.CL.Dec.398 (XII);

iv) The candidature of the Republic of Ghana for re-election for membership of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union during elections to be held from 20 October to 7 November 2014 in the Republic of Korea;

v) For membership of the Human Rights Council for the period 2015 to 2017, the candidature of the Republic of Botswana, the candidature of the Republic of Congo, the candidature of the Republic of Ghana and the candidature of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

vi) The candidature of the Republic of Malawi for the post of Coordinator of Developing Countries within the Global Partnership for Effective Development.

4. TAKES NOTE of the candidatures listed hereunder and ENCOURAGES the candidates to continue consultations with a view to reaching a consensus. In the event that no consensus is reached, the Committee recommends all five candidates for elections:

i) For the post of World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Africa, the candidature of Dr Fatoumata Nafo Traore of the Republic of Mali; Dr. Matshidiso Moeti of the Republic of Botswana; Professor Therese Aya N'Dri-Yoman of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire; Dr. Jean Marie Okwo Bele of the Democratic Republic of Congo; Professor Kinde Gazard Akoko-Dorothee of the Republic of Benin;

ii) For the post of Deputy Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the period 2014-2018, to conduct consultations to nominate a single candidate: The candidature of Eng. Shola Taylor of Federal Republic of Nigeria and the candidature of Mrs. Fatimetou Mint Mohamed Saleck of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

iii) Regarding the election for the post of President of the Assembly of the Parties to the Rome Statues of the International Criminal Court, REQUESTS the Republic of Senegal, the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Republic of Botswana, to continue with consultations with a view to designating a single candidate for Africa, during elections to be held in New York.

5. FURTHER TAKES NOTE and DECIDES to defer consideration of the following three nominations to the session preceding the election, namely:
i) The January 2015 session, the candidature of the Republic of Senegal for the post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2016-2017;

ii) The January 2017 session, the candidature of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for the post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2018-2019;

iii) The January 2019 session, the candidature of the Republic of Tunisia for the post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2020-2021.

6. ENCOURAGES Member States that submitted candidatures for posts for which the Committee was unable to reach a consensus, to carry out consultations among themselves with a view to nominating a single candidate, in order to maximize the chances of candidates presented by Africa;

7. RECALLS its previous decisions concerning respecting decisions taken by the AU on African candidatures within the international system and URGENTLY APPEALS to all Member States to abide by the commitments made in this regard, particularly in order to avoid a repetition of the situation which occurred in the case of the election of members of the International Narcotics Control Board, where Africa lost all the posts;

8. TAKES NOTE of the reservations of the Republic of Benin in relation with its candidate, Maitre Reine Alapini Gansou, whose candidature was not approved due to its late submission and the fact that the candidature of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mr. Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua, was already endorsed in January 2014 for the post of Judge to the International Criminal Court.