

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN
CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
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The Executive Council,

1. **WELCOMES** the report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of pending candidatures for election as President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 2024-2025, which is scheduled for June 2023, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council requested the African Group in New York to facilitate further consultation between the two countries in order to agree on one African Candidate for this important post.

3. **ENDORSES** the new candidatures of governments submitted by Member States:
 - A. for election as a Member of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Region D for the period 2023-2026, which is scheduled for October 2022, in Bucharest, Romania, the Candidatures of:
 - **Republic of Tunisia** (Northern Africa Region) - **Re-Election**;
 - **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region) - **Re-Election**;
 - **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region);
 - **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region) - **Re-Election**;
 - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region);
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region) - **Re-Election**;
 - **Republic of Niger** (Western Africa Region);

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of Egypt, Nigeria, Mauritius, Kenya, South Africa, Algeria, Senegal and Morocco. The African Group in Geneva is to advise on the number of seats available for Africa.

- B. for election as a Member of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), PART for the period 2022-2025, which is scheduled for October 2022 in Montreal, Canada, the candidatures of:

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region), **for Part II**;
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region), **for Part II**;
- **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Africa), **for Part III**;
- **Republic of Equatorial Guinea** (Central Africa Region), **for Part III**;
- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region), **for Part III**;
- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region), **for Part III**;

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidature of Egypt for Part II and Mauritania for part III and encouraged other Member States to submit candidatures for other available seats.

C. for election as a Member of the United Nations Committee for Programmes and Coordination for the period 2023-2025, during the election scheduled for November 2022 in New York, the candidatures of:

- Republic of Liberia (Western Africa Region);
- Kingdom of Morocco (A) (Northern Africa Region);

NB: The candidature of the Tunisia was endorsed by the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council. Three seats are available for Africa. The seat for Morocco was launched on appeal.

4. TAKES NOTE of the candidatures of governments submitted by Member States for election as a Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2026-2027, which is scheduled for 2025 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Congo; and**
- **Republic of Burundi**

N/B: the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council took note of the agreement between the two countries on a single candidature to represent the Central African region as a Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2026-2027. The Council strongly encouraged the two countries to continue with consultations.

5. ALSO TAKES NOTE of the new candidatures of governments submitted by Member States for election as Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2027-2028, which is scheduled for June 2026 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

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

6. **APPROVES** the new candidatures of individuals submitted by Member States:

A. for election as an Assistant Secretary-General of the World Customs Organization, for the period 2023-2027, which is scheduled for June 2023, in Brussels, Belgium, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Samson Bilangna**, Republic of Cameroon;

B. for election as a Member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), for the period 2024-2032, which is scheduled for June 2023, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Ambassador Osman Keh Kamara**, Republic of Sierra Leone

N/B: The candidature of Adv. Thembeli was endorsed by the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council for this post. Africa has two (2) seats.

C. For election as Director of the Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), for the period 2023-2026, which is scheduled for October 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Alexander Ntoko**, Republic of Cameroon

N/B: The 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of Dr. Cosmas Zavazava of Zimbabwe and Amb. Prof. Muhammadou M. O. Kah of The Gambia. The African Group in Geneva is to advise on the way forward.

D. For election as a Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions (CC), for the period 2023-2026, which is scheduled for November 2022, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud El Ghouth**, Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of a candidate from Burkina Faso

E. For election as a Member of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), for the period 2023-2026, which is Scheduled for November 2022, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Amb. Andrew Gbebay Bangali**, Republic of Sierra Leone

N/B: The 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidature of Mr. Ali Ayad Kerir of Libya for this post. The African Group

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in New York is to advise on the number of seats available for Africa as well as the way forward. (Two (2) seats for Africa)

F. For election as a Member of the Radio Regulatory Board, at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference, for the period 2023-2026, which is scheduled for October 2022 in Bucharest, Romania, the candidatures of:

- Mr. Hassan Talib, Kingdom of Morocco;
- Mr. Edmund Yirenskyi-Fianko, Republic of Ghana;

N/B: The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the candidatures of Mr. Mandla Samuel Mchunu of the Republic of South Africa for this post. Africa has two (2) seats.

G. for election as a Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, for the period 2022-2025, which is scheduled for October 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:

- Mr. Rabah BOUDACHE, Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria;

H. for election as a Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2024-2026, which is scheduled for November 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- Mrs. Caroline Nalwanga Magambo, Republic of Uganda

7. TAKES NOTE of new candidatures of individuals submitted by Member States:

A. For election as a Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), for the period 2024-2027, which is scheduled for June 2023, in London, UK, the candidature of:

- Amb. Nancy Karigithu, Republic of Kenya

B. For election as a Member of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JUI) for the period 2026-2030, which is scheduled for June 2025, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- Mr. Robert Ngei Mule, Republic of Kenya

N/B: The 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council took note of the candidature of Mr. Makiesse Kinkela Augusto of Angola for this post. The African Group in New York is requested to advise on how many seats are available for Africa as well as the way forward. Africa has two (2) seats.

8. **COMMENDS** the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System and the Commission for its efforts to support the African candidate from the Republic of Togo for the Post of Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Amb. Raychelle Omamo of the Republic of Kenya for the post of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and all other posts;
9. **TAKES NOTE** of efforts made by the Commission to revise the Rules of Procedure for the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to submit them to the next Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration in readiness for adoption by the Executive Council in February 2023;
11. **COMMENDS** the forthcoming launching of the E-Candidatures Portal managed by the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the Commission as a new on-line complementary tool for submission of Candidatures by Member States to enhance the transparency and fairness of this process;
12. **REQUESTS** the Commission to propose training programmes for all potential users, particularly the focal points of Member States and AU staff in Addis Ababa, New York and Geneva, in the course of the last quarter of 2022;
13. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC and its Sub-Committee on General Supervision and Coordination of Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters to review and adopt the necessary funds within the supplementary budgets exercise scheduled in August 2022;
14. **COMMENDS** the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the Commission for continuing to play its role as the Secretariat of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System and to facilitate the organization of meetings of the Committee at both levels, the Ambassadorial and Ministerial levels;
15. **REQUESTS** the Committee to meet at the Ambassadorial level as a “Committee of the whole” in order to take necessary steps and facilitate the statutory process to ensure that all documents related to this Committee are reviewed and synchronized in a timely manner;
16. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Committee at the Ministerial Level to continue meeting as a Committee of fifteen (15) Member States.