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REPORT ON NEW CANDIDATURES FOR ENDORSEMENT

A. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING CANDIDATURES AND ISSUES

1. **Election** for the Post of **Secretary General of the Commonwealth for the period 2024-2029**, 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

2. **Concerns Raised by Member States of the Western Region on the Current Composition of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures**

The Executive Council Decision No.: **EX.CL/ Dec.1225(XLIII)**, taken in Nairobi, Kenya, during the Midyear Coordination Meeting held from 13-14 July 2023, which **“NOTES the concern raised by Member States of the Western Africa Region with regard to Rule 2 (1) of the Rules of Procedure on the composition of the AU Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System as adopted by the 42nd Executive Council in February 2023 and REQUESTS concerned Member States and the African Union Commission to engage in consultations towards resolving this matter and report the outcomes to the 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2024”**.

In this regard, the Office of the Legal Counsel in its Note Verbale Ref.: BC/OLC/27.2/13580.23 dated 11 July 2023, responded to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the African Union, and in its capacity as Deputy Dean of the West African Region, concerning the composition of the AU Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System (‘the Committee).

The Commission noted 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. At the outset, the Commission wishes to recall that the decision of the Executive Council approving amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee was entered into force on 18 May 2023 as per Rule 35(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council. As such, the Commission would like to

clarify that the request to the Western Region was made in conformity with the revised Rules of Procedure of the Committee. Legally speaking, the composition of the Committee on Candidatures is established in its Rules of Procedure. Hence, a revision relating to the composition shall follow the amendment procedures as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure.

B. CONSIDERATION OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES

➤ New Candidatures of Governments for Endorsement

1. **Election** for the Post of **President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2024-2025**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
 - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)

2. **Election** for the Post of **Vice-President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2024-2025**, for the election 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)
 - **Pending** (Southern Africa Region)

3. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the Executive Board of ILO for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:
 - **Republic of Benin** (Western Africa Region)

4. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2025-2027**, for the election 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** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Guinea** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Niger** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)

- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
- **Republic of Mali** (Western Africa Region) (Suspended)

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.

5. **Election** for the Post of a **Member for the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee of Cultural Heritage for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in June 2024 in Paris, France, the candidature of:

- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)

6. **Election** for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2025-2026**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Federal Republic of Somalia** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Madagascar** (Eastern Africa Region)

NB: The United Republic of Tanzania withdrew its candidacy for this post. The African Group in New York endorsed Somalia for this post.

7. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations Economic, Cultural and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region) ***Re-election***
- **Republic of the Sudan** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)

8. **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)

9. **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)
10. **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)
11. **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)
12. **Election** for the Post of **Executive Board of the World Food Programme for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Mali** (Western Africa Region)
13. **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 Cabo Verde** (Western Africa Region)
14. **Election** for the Post of a **Membership of the Commission on the Status of Women for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in April 2024 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
15. **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)
16. **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** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)
17. **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)
18. **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)
19. **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)

20. **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** (Western Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Togo** (Western Africa Region)

21. **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)
- **Republic of Burkina Faso** (Western Africa Region)

22. **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)

23. **Election** for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2026-2027**, for the election 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)

NB: The Republic of Liberia was endorsed as the candidate of the Western Africa Region and DRC was endorsed as the candidate for the Central Africa Region. Both countries are requesting for an early endorsement.

24. **Election** for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2027-2028**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

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

NB: The Republic of Zimbabwe was endorsed as the candidate of the Southern Africa Region and requesting an early endorsement.

➤ **New Candidatures of Government for Taking Note**

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

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

26. **Election** for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2028-2029**, for the election 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. African Group in New York shall advise on the way forward.

27. **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 candidature of:

- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)

28. **Election** for the Post of a **Membership of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2025-2029**, for the election to be held in November 2024 in Paris, France, the candidatures of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Togolese Republic** (Western Africa Region)

29. **Election** for the Post of the **President of the 84th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2029-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2028, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

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

NB: The Post should be examined based on the rotation methodology that will be adopted by the Policy Organs of the AU.

➤ **New Candidatures of Individuals Submitted by Member States for Endorsement**

1. **Election** for the Post of the **Regional Director for Africa of the World Health Organization (WHO), for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Ibrahima Soce Fall** of the Republic of Senegal (Western Africa Region)
- **Dr. Boureima Hama Sambo** of the Republic of Niger (Western Africa Region) (Suspended)

NB: The African Group in Geneva shall advise on the way forward.

2. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) for the period 2025-2027**, for the election 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)
3. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the Committee Against Torture (CAT) for the period 2025-2027**, for the election 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)
4. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD), for the period 2025-2028**, for the election 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 for this body.

5. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), for the period 2025-2030**, for the election to be held in April 2024 in New York, USA, the candidatures 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: The African Group in New York shall advise on the number of seats allocated for Africa and the way forward.

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

- **Prof. Cephias 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: The African Group in New York shall advise on the number of seats allocated for Africa and the way forward.

7. **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**, for the election 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 Tamrat 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: The African Group in New York shall advise on the number of seats allocated for Africa and the way forward.

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

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

9. **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: Only one (1) seat allocated to this Committee. The African Group in New York shall advise on the way forward.

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

- **H.E. Mr. Sidi Mohamed Laghdaf** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)
- **H.E. Amb. Zephyrin Maniratanga** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)

NB: One (1) Seat is allocated for Africa. Both countries are requested to consult and agree on one African candidate for this post.

11. **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: Only one (1) Seat is allocated for Africa. The African Group in New York shall advise on the way forward.

12. **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)

13. **Election** for the Post of the **Vice-Chair of the Sixth 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. Amar Mahmoud** of the Republic of the Sudan (Eastern Africa Region)

14. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, for the period of 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in April 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures 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 treaty body.

15. **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)

16. **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. M. Dkhissi** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

17. **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)

18. **Election** as a Member of the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2025-2027**, 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)

NB: The African Group in New York shall advise on the way forward.

19. **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)

NB: The African Group in New York shall advise on the way forward.

20. **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)

21. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for the period 2026-2030**, 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)

NB: The African Group in New York shall advise on the way forward.

➤ **New Candidatures of Individuals Submitted by Member States for Taking Note**

1. **Election** for the **Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2026-2031**, for the election 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)

NB: A request for early endorsement was submitted by Egypt in order to start an early campaign for this candidature.

2. **Election** for the Post of the **Chairperson of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the period 2026-2030**, for the election 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 African Group in New York shall advise on the number of seats allocated for Africa and the way forward.

3. **Election** for the Post of a **Member of the Committee against Torture (CAT)**, for the period **2026-2029**, for the election to be held in October 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:
 - **Mr. Abderrazak Rouwane** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

4. **Election** as a Member of the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)** for the period **2027-2030**, scheduled for November 2026 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
 - **Name to be Submitted** of the Republic of Djibouti (Eastern Africa Region)

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A. INTRODUCTION

At its 42nd and 43rd Ordinary Sessions held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 15-16 February 2023 and in Nairobi, Kenya on 13-14 July 2023 respectively, the Executive Council adopted Decisions **EX.CL/Dec.1214(XLII)** and **EX.CL/Dec.1225(XLIII)** on a set of African candidatures within the international system.

Based on the implementation of the two decisions mentioned above, the AUC-DPAPS deduced the following factors for the success and challenges which faced African Candidates in the international system:

Success Factors

- a. Understanding and adherence by Member States to the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures;
- b. African solidarity and unity in support for AU-endorsed candidates globally;
- c. Clarity of the endorsement of African candidates by the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures;
- d. Early confirmation of AU endorsement of candidates, thereby giving more time for campaign;
- e. Quality and high competence of both governmental & individual candidates which contributed to global support;
- f. Institutional commitment of support at the level of leadership of the Ministerial Committee, the AUC/DPAPS, African Diplomatic Groups at the multilateral posts (New York, Geneva, Rome etc);
- g. Intensive Consultations at the Regional Level;
- h. Effective mobilization for support by the candidate/member-state from the international community;
- i. Growing support and respect for African Union as a lead continental player.

Challenges

However, it is to be noted that there are persistent challenges factors that are attributable in many cases to the inability of endorsed African candidates to be elected at the international level. These include:

- i. Rivalry due to multiplicity of African candidates vying for some positions, results in splitting of African and partners' voting pattern;
- ii. Limited time to plan and campaign for AU-endorsed candidates as a result of late submission of and delayed response to call for applications;
- iii. Lack of both adequate financial and human resource capacities at Headquarters and multilateral posts to campaign;
- iv. Inadequate consultation and coordination between Addis Ababa and major multilateral diplomatic posts;
- v. Divergence in support by member states, in some cases whereby AU-endorsed candidates do not receive the full support from the AU member states at the elections.

B. OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS HELD

➤ Elections of Member States

1. **Membership of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2023-2027**, for the election held in November 2023 in Paris, France, the candidatures of:
 - **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region) *Not-Elected*
 - **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Burkina Faso** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) *Not-Elected*
 - **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Mozambique** (Southern Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Gabonese Republic** (Central Africa Region) *Elected*

2. **Membership 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) *Elected*

3. **Membership of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO for the period 2025-2028**, for the election held in November 2023 in Paris, France, the candidature of:
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) *Not-Elected*

4. **Membership of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the period 2024-2026**, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region) *Elected*

5. **President of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the period 2024-2025**, for the election to be held in November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidatures of:
 - **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region) *Not-Elected*

6. **Membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2024-2026**, for the election held in October 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***
 - **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Malawi** (Southern Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Mali** (Western Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***
 - **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region) ***Elected***
7. **Membership of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for the period 2024-2027**, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region): ***Re-Elected***
 - **Republic of Madagascar** (Eastern Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region) (A): ***Elected***
 - **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region) (A): ***Elected***
8. **Membership of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), for the period 2024-2025 biennium Category (A&B)**, for the election held on 1st December 2023 in London, UK, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region) ***Elected***
9. **Membership of the Council of International Maritime Organization (IMO), for the period of 2024-2025 biennium Category (C)**, for the election held on 1st December 2023, in London, the candidatures of:
- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region) ***Re-Elected***
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern African Region) ***Elected***
10. **Membership of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)**, for the election held in October 2023 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, the candidatures of:
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region) ***Not Re-Elected***
 - **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***
 - **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region) ***Not Re-Elected***
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region) ***Elected***
 - **Republic of Namibia** (Southern Africa Region) ***Elected***

- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Seychelles** (Eastern Africa Region) *Not Re-Elected*

11. Vice Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly during the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, for the election held in June 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Gambia** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*

12. Membership of the Commission for Social Development for the period 2024-2027, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Madagascar** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Togo** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*

13. Membership of the Statistical Commission for the period 2024-2027, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Sierra Leone** (Western Africa Region): *Re-Elected*

14. Membership of the Commission on Population and Development for the period 2024-2027, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region) (A): *Elected*

15. Membership of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for the period 2024-2027, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Republic of Mali** (Western Africa Region) *Elected*

16. Membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the period 2024-2027, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

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

- **Morocco** (Northern Africa Region) (A) ***Elected***
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region) ***Elected***
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) ***Elected***
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region) ***Elected***
- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region) ***Elected***
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region) (A) ***Elected***

17. Membership of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region): ***Re-Elected***
- **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region) ***Elected***
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region) ***Elected***
- **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region) ***Elected***

18. Membership of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

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

19. Membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

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

20. Membership of the Executive Board of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

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

21. Membership of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in April 2023 in New York, the candidature of:

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

22. Membership of the Committee on Conferences for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in November 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

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

23. Membership of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Coordinating Board (UNAIDS) for the period 2024-2026, for the election held on 5th April 2023 in New York, the candidature of:

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

24. Chairmanship of the Group of 77 and China for the period 2024-2025, for the confirmation during the UNGA78 Ministerial Meeting held in September 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*

25. Membership of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) for the period 2023-2025, for the election held in June 2023, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*

26. Membership of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) for the period 2023-2027, for the election held in December 2023 in Paris, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*

27. Membership of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST) for the period 2023-2027, for the election held on December 2023 in Paris, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*

28. Chairman of the UNWTO Regional Commission for Africa for the period 2023-2025, for the election held in July 2023, in Mauritius, the Candidature of:

- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*

29. External Auditor to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) for the period 2024-2025, for the election held in November 2023, in Vienna, Austria, the Candidature of:

- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (The Egyptian Accountability State Authority) (Northern Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***

30. External Auditor to the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for the period 2024-2025, for the election held in October 2023, in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, the Candidature of:

- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (The Egyptian Accountability State Authority) (Northern Africa Region) ***Elected***

31. Membership of the Governing Council of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2023-2025, for the election held in September 2023, in Vienna, Austria, the Candidature of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***

32. For election for the Post of Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2024-2025, held on 6 June 2023, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region) ***Elected***
- Republic of Sierra Leone (Western Africa Region) ***Elected***

➤ **Elections of Individuals Submitted by Member States**

1. Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) under (List A), for the period 2024-2029, for the election held in December 2023 in New York, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Rajaona ANDRIAMANAKIANRIANANA** of the Republic of Madagascar (Eastern Africa Region) (List A) ***Not-Elected***

2. Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) under (List B) for the period 2024-2033, during the election held on 6th December 2023, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:

- **Prof. Haykel Mahfoudh** of the Republic of Tunisia (Northern Africa Region) under (List B) ***Elected***

3. Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for the period 2024-2033, for the election held in November 2023, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:

- **Prof. Antoine Keisa-Mbe MINDUA** of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***

- **Prof. Dire Tladi** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region) *Elected*
 - **Amb. Ahmed Amin Fathallah** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region) *Not-Elected*
 - **Prof. Chaloka Beyani** of the Republic of Zambia (Southern Africa Region) *Not-Elected*
4. **Chair of the Fifth Committee (Administrative & Budgetary) of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election held in 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) *Elected*
5. **Chair of the Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization Committee) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election held in June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations (Southern Africa Region) *Elected*
6. **Vice-Chair of the Second Committee (Economic & Financial) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election held in June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Mr. Jeswuni Abudu-Birresborn** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region) *Elected*
7. **Vice-Chair of the First Committee (Disarmament & International Security) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election held in June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Mr. Yaseen Lagardien** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region) *Elected*
8. **Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee (Legal) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election held in June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Mr. Moussa Mohamed Moussa** of the Republic of Djibouti (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
9. **Vice-Chair of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Issues) for the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election held in June 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mrs. Nelly Banaken** of the Republic of Cameroon (Central Africa Region): *Elected*

10. Member of the Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW) for the period 2024-2027, for the election held in June 2023 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Mohammed CHAREF** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Mr. Khaled Cheikhna BABACAR** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Ms. Sabrina Gahar** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Mr. Jean Calude Razarainaina** of the Republic of Madagascar (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Ms. Myriam Poussi** of the Republic of Burkina Faso (Western Africa Region) *Elected*

11. Member of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in November 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

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

12. First Vice President of the World Metrological Organization for the period 2023-2027, for the election held in May/June 2023 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, of the candidature of:

- **Mr. Konaté Daouda** of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire (Western Africa Region) *Elected*

13. Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2024-2026, for the election held in November 2023 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Abdallah Bachar BONG** of the Republic of Chad (Central Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Ms. Caroline Nalwanga** of the Republic of Uganda (Eastern Africa Region) *Elected*
- **Mr. Ali Ben Said** of the Republic of Tunisia (Northern Africa Region) *Elected*

14. President of the Parliamentary Union for the period 2023-2026, for the election scheduled for October 2023, in Luanda, Angola, the candidature of:

- **Right Hon. Tulia Ackson (MP)** of the United Republic of Tanzania (Eastern Africa Region) ***Elected***

15. Director-General of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for the period 2024-2029, for the election held in July 2023 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Abdelkarim Djadi** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***

16. Member of United Nations Committee Against Torture for the period 2024-2027, for the election held in October 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland the Candidatures of:

- **Maitre. Yare Fall** of the Republic of Senegal (Western Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***
- **Mr. Kameleddine Ben Hassen** of the Republic of Tunisia (Northern Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***
- **Mr. Lazhari Bouzid** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***
- **Mr. Tombohavana Fabien** of the Republic of Madagascar (Eastern Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***

17. Member of the Human Rights Advisory Committee for the period 2023-2026, for the election held in September 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland the Candidature of:

- **Mrs. Nadia Amal Bernoussi** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region) ***Re-elected***

18. Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the period 2023-2028, for the election held in July 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya, the Candidature of:

- **Prof. Debra Roberts** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region) ***Not-Elected***

19. Vice-Chair of the Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the period 2023-2028, for the election held in July 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya, the Candidature of:

- **Mr. Noureddine Yassaa** of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region) ***Elected***

➤ **Pending Elections of Member States**

1. **Membership of the Commission on UN Peace Building for the period 2025-2026**, for the election held in December 2024 in New York, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)

2. **President of the 84th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2029-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2028, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

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

3. **Membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

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

NB: The African Group in NY is requested to advise on the way forward.

4. **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2025-2026**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Federal Republic of Somalia** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)

NB: The United Republic of Tanzania withdraw its candidacy. The African Group in NY is requested to advise on the way forward.

5. **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2026-2027**, for the election to be held in June 2025, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central African Region)
- **Republic of Liberia** (Western Africa Region)

NB: The African Group in NY is requested to advise on the way forward.

6. **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2027-2028**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:

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

7. **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2028-2029**, for the election 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 African Group in NY is requested to advise on the way forward.

8. **Membership of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2025-2029**, for the election to be held in November 2024 in Paris, France, the candidature of:

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

9. **Membership of the Commission on the Status of Women for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in April 2024 in New York, the candidature of:

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

➤ **Pending Elections of Individuals Submitted by Member States**

1. **Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2026-2031**, for the election 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)

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

- **Amb. Wafaa Bassim** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)
- **Mr. Emeru Tamrat Yigezu** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Eastern Africa Region)

NB: The African Group in NY is requested to advise on the way forward.

3. **Regional Director for Africa of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the period 2024-2039**, for the election to be held in June 2025, in Brazzaville, Congo, the Candidature of:
 - **Dr. Boureima Hama Sambo** of the Republic of Niger (Western Africa Region)

 4. **Chairperson of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the period 2026-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2025, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:
 - **Mr. Ali Ayad Ali Kurer** of the State of Libya (Northern Africa Region)

 5. **Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) for the period 2024-2027**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the Candidatures of:
 - **Prof. Cephass 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
- NB: The African Group in NY is requested to advise on the way forward.***
6. **Member of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for the period 2026-2030**, for the election to be held in November 2024, in New York, USA the Candidature of:
 - **Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum** of the State of Eritrea (Eastern Africa Region)

 7. **Vice-Chair of the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79th Session**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA the Candidature of:
 - **Mr. El-hadj Lehbib Mohamedou** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)

 8. **Chair of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the 79th Session**, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA the Candidatures of:
 - **H.E. Mr. Sidi Mohamed Laghdaf** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)
 - **H.E. Amb. Zephyrin Maniratanga** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)

NB: The African Group in NY is requested to advise on the way forward.

➤ **Candidatures and Issues Requiring Further Action**

3. President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2024-2025, for the election to be held in June 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)

NB: The Secretariat of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System (**Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department**) dispatched Note Verbale Ref. No.: PAPS/GCPD/02/06/1179.23 dated 25 September 2023, concerning the Executive Council Decision No.: **EX.CL/ Dec.1225(XLIII)**, taken in Nairobi, Kenya, during the Midyear Coordination Meeting held from 13-14 July 2023, concerning the pending candidatures of the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of South Africa for election to the position of President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period: 2024-2025, which is scheduled for June 2024, in New York, USA.

The Council **“REQUESTS the two countries to continue consultations at the level of Foreign Ministers and report back to the Executive Council at the next Session”**. The Council also **“DECIDES to establish an ad-hoc committee to facilitate consultations between the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of South Africa in order to reach a consensus-based African candidate for the position of President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly for the period 2024-2025 and to report back to the 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2024”**.

Accordingly, the African Union Commission (AUC) proposed that the ad-hoc Committee be constituted under the auspices of the Union of Comoros in its capacity as Chairperson of the Executive Council. The composition of the ad hoc committee may embrace the three (3) other Members of the current Bureau of the Assembly. The Commission recommended for the ad hoc Committee to meet on the margins of the Executive Council Retreat on Agenda 2063, scheduled for 1-3 October 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda. Once again, the Commission proposed for the ad hoc Committee to meet in New York on the margin of the UNGA in September 2023.

This way, the ad-hoc Committee will be able to fulfil its mandate through the facilitation of consultations between the two Member States in order to report back to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2024.

4. Secretary General of the Commonwealth for the period 2024-2029, for the election to be held in October 2024, in London, UK, the candidatures of:

- **Hon. Shirley Ayokor Botchwey** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
- **Amb. Liberata Rutageruka Mulamula** of the United Republic of Tanzania (Eastern Africa Region)
- **H.E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara**, Current Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Gambia (Western Africa Region)

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

5. The Concern Raised by Member States of the Western Africa Region Concerning the Composition of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures

The Executive Council Decision No.: **EX.CL/ Dec.1225(XLIII)**, taken in Nairobi, Kenya, during the Midyear Coordination Meeting held from 13-14 July 2023, which **“NOTES the concern raised by Member States of the Western Africa Region with regard to Rule 2 (1) of the Rules of Procedure on the composition of the AU Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System as adopted by the 42nd Executive Council in February 2023 and REQUESTS concerned Member States and the African Union Commission to engage in consultations towards resolving this matter and report the outcomes to the 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2024”**.

In this regard, the Office of the Legal Counsel in its Note Verbale Ref.: BC/OLC/27.2/13580.23 dated 11 July 2023, responded to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the African Union, and in its capacity as Deputy Dean of the West African Region, concerning the composition of the AU Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System (‘the Committee).

The Commission noted 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. At the outset, the Commission wishes to recall that the decision of the Executive Council approving amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee was entered into force on 18 May 2023 as per Rule 35(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council. As such, the Commission would like to clarify that the request to the Western Region was made in conformity with the revised Rules of Procedure of the Committee. Legally speaking, the composition of the Committee on Candidatures is established in its Rules of Procedure. Hence, a revision relating to the composition shall follow the amendment procedures as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure.

DRAFT**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** 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** that a rotational plan be implemented subsequent to the 84th Session of the UNGA which shall be zoned to the Southern Africa Region in the following English alphabetical order:
 - 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 2024-2027**, 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** (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)
- NB: The United Republic of Tanzania withdrew its candidacy for this post. The African Group in New York applied criteria of rotation, non-pluralism, and geographical representation based on its internal guidelines and recommended Somalia candidacy**
- 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** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of the Sudan** (Eastern Africa Region) (Suspended)
 - **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 of the World Food Programme for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Mali** (Western Africa Region) (Suspended)
- K. 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 Cabo Verde** (Western Africa Region)
- L. For election for the Post of a **Membership of the Commission on the Status of Women for the period 2025-2028**, for the election to be held in April 2024 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)

M. 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)

N. 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** (Western Africa Region)
- **Pending** (Eastern Africa Region)

O. 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)

P. 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)

Q. 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)

R. 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** (Western Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Togo** (Western Africa Region)

S. 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)
- **Republic of Burkina Faso** (Western Africa Region)

T. 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)

U. 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)

V. 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)

vi. **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** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Guinea** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Niger** (Western Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
- **Republic of Mali** (Western Africa Region) (Suspended)

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)

vii. **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)
- **Dr. Boureima Hama Sambo** of the Republic of Niger (Western Africa Region) (Suspended)

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 for 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 for 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: The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.

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 Tamrat 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: The African Group in New York is requested to advise on the way forward.

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 Lehib 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. Mr. Sidi Mohamed Laghdaf** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)
- **H.E. Amb. Zephyrin Maniratanga** of the Republic of Burundi (Central 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.

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 election for the Post of the **Vice-Chair of the Sixth 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. Amar Mahmoud** of the Republic of the Sudan (Eastern Africa Region)

N. 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.

O. 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)

P. 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. M. Dkhissi** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

Q. 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)

R. For the election for the Post of the **Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2026-2031**, 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)

S. 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)

T. 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)

U. 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)

V. 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 candidature 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 REQUEST** 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.

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