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## **REMINDER**

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

The Commission of the African Union presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of all Member States and has the honour to refer to its previous Note Verbale BC/OLC/217/4761.11 dated 25 July 2011 on the forthcoming election of Members of the Commissions scheduled for January 2012 (copy attached).

The Commission would like to remind the esteemed Ministries that all candidatures (for the posts of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Commissioners) should be submitted to the Commission (**Office of the Legal Counsel**) in a **sealed envelope** and that the deadlines for submission of candidatures for the election of Members of the Commission are as follows:

1. **Chairperson: on or before 15 September 2011,**
2. **Deputy Chairperson: on or before 15 September 2011,**
3. **Commissioners:**
  - (i) Member States should submit candidatures to their respective regions **on or before 15 AUGUST 2011( through the regional Deans, namely Central: Democratic Republic of Congo; East: Uganda; North: Egypt; South: Zimbabwe; and West: Burkina Faso.** The Commission would like to recall that in conformity with Article 13 of the Statutes of the Commission "***The nomination process shall be based on modalities to be determined by the region***".
  - (ii) The regional consultations should be finalized and the regional Deans should submit their candidatures to the Commission **on or before 15 SEPTEMBER 2011.**
  - (iii) The Ministerial panel established in terms of Article 14 of the Statutes of the Commission assisted by a team of Consultants will meet and finalize its work **on or before 10 OCTOBER 2011.**

The Commission will finally like to remind all Member States that it shall circulate the list of candidates to all posts (Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Commissioners) **on or before 26 October 2011** in readiness for election by the Assembly and the Executive Council, respectively in January 2012.

The Commission of the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of all Member States the assurances of its highest consideration. DD

**Addis Ababa, 24 August 2011**

**To: Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of all  
Member States**

**cc.: Permanent Missions of all Member States  
Addis Ababa**