



Reference: **BC/OLC/66.5/5949.12**

REMINDER AND POSTPONEMENT OF THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES

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 note verbale BC/OLC/66.5/5689.12 dated 24 February 2012 relating to the elections of three (3) Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples Rights (AfCHPR)) to be conducted during the 21st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for Lilongwe, Malawi, in July 2012 (copy attached).


The Commission would like to remind the esteemed Ministries that three (3) vacancies will arise as a result of the expiry of the six-year term of three of the Judges of AfCHPR who were elected in January 2006.

The Commission wishes to inform the esteemed Ministries that the deadline for submission of candidatures has been postponed to **15 MAY 2012**.

The Commission would also like to inform Member States that **in accordance with Article 11 (2) of the Protocol, “no two judges shall be nationals of the same State”**. Therefore, no candidates should be nominated from Member States that already have Judges in AfCHPR namely, Algeria, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Uganda, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa and Tanzania.

The Commission would also like to remind **States Parties** to submit their **candidatures/nominations accompanied by a curriculum vitae IN A SEALED ENVELOPE ADDRESSED AND DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL, AU COMMISSION, ON OR BEFORE 15 MAY 2012**. Furthermore, **the curriculum vitae should not be more than three (3) pages, single-spaced and should be submitted in at least two (2) working languages of the Union**. A model format of the curriculum vitae is attached hereto for ease of reference. **Additionally, the CV should also be submitted in soft copies (Word format).**

The Commission wishes to further inform all States Parties that any submission which does not comply with the above-mentioned directives shall not be processed.

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. 

Addis Ababa, 20 April 2012

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

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