

**Directorate of Information and Communication****Press Release N° 013/2018****The Office of the Legal Counsel has conducted the Election of ten (10) Members of The Peace and Security Council**

Addis Ababa, 31 January 2018– Amb. Dr. Namira Negm, the Legal Counsel of African Union Commission is pleased to announce the Election of Equatorial Guinea and Gabon (Central), Djibouti and Rwanda (East), Morocco (North), Angola and Zimbabwe (South) and Liberia, Sierra Leone and Togo (West) as Members of the Peace and Security Council for a term of two Years. The Member States were elected as members of the Council during the 32nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held 25-26 January 2018, Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union is established pursuant to Article 5(2) of the Constitutive Act creating a standing decision-making Organ for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts. the objectives for the establishment of the Council are among others, “...to promote peace and security in Africa, in order to guarantee the protection and preservation of life and property, the well being of the African People and their environment, as well as the creation of conditions conducive to sustainable development...”

The Election took place according to the Modalities for the election of Members of the Peace and Security Council that states the Peace and Security Council shall be composed of fifteen (15) member States elected on the basis of equal rights, Ten (10) member States to be elected for a term of two (2) years and five members to be elected for a term of three (3) years. Towards that end, the Legal Counsel conducted the Election the (Ten) 10 Members of the Peace and Security Council based on the provisions of the Constitutive act of the African Union, the protocol relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) and the Modalities for the Election of Members of the Peace and Security Council on the 32nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

The Office of the Legal Counsel takes this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Member States for the Security Council and to wish them well in this important assignment.

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