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## **AU Commission finalizes the Nomination Process for the Upcoming Election of Members of the Commission**

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During the allocated timeframe, the AU Commission has received nominees for the ten (10) positions in the Commission. For the position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, the AU Commission has received six (6) applications for the position of Chairperson and four (4) for the position of Deputy Chairperson, respectively. One application for the position of Chairperson has subsequently been withdrawn.

1. Six (6) candidates for position of Peace and Security;
2. Six (6) candidates for the position of Political Affairs;
3. Five (5) candidates for the position of Infrastructure and Energy;
4. Six (6) candidates for position Social Affairs;
5. Seven (7) candidates for position of Human Resources, Science and Technology;
6. Four (4) candidates for position of Trade and Industry;
7. Five (5) candidate´s for position of Rural Economy and Agriculture; and
8. Two (2) candidates for Economic Affairs.

In Addition, the AU Commission has already circulated lists of submitted nominees to the Member States on 19 October 2016, at least three (3) months before election: as required by the rules of procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council, the Statutes of the Commission as well as Modalities for the Election of Members of the Commission, the candidatures for the posts of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the Commissioners. -----

The AUC wishes to inform all parties that the elections for the Members of the AU Commission are scheduled to be held during the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, scheduled for 30-31 January, 2017, at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Source apo, African Union Commission (AUC).

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