

**PRESS RELEASE No.018/2004****AFRICAN UNION ELECTS MEMBERS OF THE PEACE AND
SECURITY COUNCIL AND TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS**

The Executive Council, on Monday, 15 March 2004, elected 15 Member States to serve on the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.

Five countries, one per Region (Central, East, North, South and West), were elected to serve for a term of three years and ten others to serve for a term of two years.

The five countries elected to serve for a three-year term are Gabon, Ethiopia, Algeria, South Africa and Nigeria.

Those to serve for a two-year term are: Cameroon and Congo (Central), Kenya and Sudan (East), Libya (North), Lesotho and Mozambique (South), Ghana, Senegal and Togo (West). The Peace and Security Council after being elected met today at a closed session to adopt its own Rules of procedure, which was later submitted to the Executive Council for adoption on behalf of the Assembly of the Union. The Assembly had in Maputo, Mozambique in July 2003, mandated the Executive Council to adopt the Rules of Procedure on its behalf in order to operationalize the Peace and Security Council.

The Executive Council, yesterday, also filled the two remaining posts of Commissioners. They are the Commissioner for Economic Affairs, Dr. M.M. Mkwezalamba, a national of Malawi, and the Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, Dr. Nagia Mohammed Assayed, a Libyan.

The swearing in ceremony of the two newly elected Commissioners will be conducted by the Chairperson of the AU Commission at an appropriate date.

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