REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF THE 5th CONGRESS OF THE PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH UNION

Khartoum 2017
I. INTRODUCTION

This report exclusively informs about the elections of the Executive Committee of the Pan African Youth Union (PYU) at the 5th Congress held in December in Khartoum, Sudan.

It reflects the experience of candidates, delegates, voters, observers based on electoral data and comments provided by the Electoral Commission to highlight key issues that were relevant before, during and after polling day and identify the recommendations.

The December 2017 PYU elections were held in Khartoum, Sudan according to the 2008 PYU Statutes, together with the 2009 PYU Rules of Procedure as well as the Call for Participation of the 5th PYU Congress held from 19 to 20 December 2017.

Despite the challenges of all kinds and the complexity of the elections of the Pan-African Youth Union, the December 2017 elections were successful. Our work with Member States and observers demonstrates that the Pan African Youth Union continues to enjoy well-organised elections, with a high level of voter satisfaction and trust.

We would like to express our thanks to all those who participated in these elections, to the Member States present. There are always lessons to be learned from the election experience and the improvement that can be made for future elections. The rules and regulations of PYU on electoral matters, in accordance with the 2008 PYU Statutes, Article 31 ©, Article 57, have made it easier for candidates from Member States and regions to reach consensus and resolutions to facilitate elections and substantially reduce conflict; what an extraordinary achievement at the Pan African Youth Union Elective Congress since 1962.

Our view at the moment is that the elections were held with a high level of transparency and democratic principles.

Nevertheless, some of the member states, including two countries (North Africa region) intended to disrupt the electoral process, fortunately this situation was well managed and the elections were held peacefully.

The other political aspect of the 5th Congress of the Pan-African Youth Union will be covered by the Final Communiqué or the report of the Executive Committee.

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II. SUMMARY OF THE FACTS

On December 20, 2017, the elections were held in Khartoum, Sudan, for members of the Executive Committee of the PYU, whose term of office is three years (2017-2020).

The process was successfully executed by an Independent Electoral Commission in accordance with the 2008 Statutes and the 2009 Rules of Procedure with consensus in the presence of observers.

1. REGISTRATION AND STARTUP

A total of 44 Member States were registered to participate in the 5th Congress of the Pan African Youth Union on 19 and 20 December 2017, as active and audited Member States of the Pan African Youth Union.

The sum of 32 votes of the Member States was included in the count, representing an overall participation rate of 72.7%, in accordance with the statutory provisions of the PYU, a full quorum and a verified procedure.

The electorate of the 5th Congress of the PYU has been successfully completed for the 2017-2020 term.

Unlike previous elections of the PYU, the participation of the Member States continues to increase as the new Member States renew their engagement with the Pan-African Youth Union.

Member States have democratically exercised their democratic right by voting for the candidates of their choice in free and fair elections.

1. ELECTORAL EXPERIENCES

Overall, the polls of December 20, 2017 were well managed and the results of our work with voters show that there was a positive view of the electoral process based on the consensus of the state delegates.

As a result, the Electoral Commission has been able to evolve in good conditions to make a satisfactory result.
III. CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 5th PYU CONGRESS

We, the members of the Electoral Commission with the assistance of the Legal Adviser, proceeded to the examination of the candidatures to the various elective positions of the PYU Executive Committee for the 5th Ordinary Congress held in Khartoum, Sudan, from 19 to 20 December 2017.

1. Number of files received: 18

1.1. Presidency

- Gambia
- DR Congo
- Chad

1.2. Vice – Presidency

- Algeria – Northern Africa
- Egypt – Northern Africa
- Gabon - Central Africa
- Madagascar – Southern Africa
- Niger – West Africa
- Tanzania – East Africa
- Diaspora – ADYFE Austria

1.3. Secretary General

- Mali

1.4. Deputy Secretary General

- Benin – West Africa
- Ghana – West Africa
- Libya – Northern Africa
- Morocco – Northern Africa
- Uganda – Eastern Africa
- Central African Republic – Central Africa
- Sudan – Host country (Automatic statutory position)
- Diaspora – ADYFE Belgium

N.B:
- No candidatures received for the post of Deputy Secretary-General - Southern Africa Region.
- Candidatures from the diaspora have been received through the European Youth Forum, (ADYFE).
- The host country automatically has the post of Deputy Secretary General (Automatic Statutory Position), Sudan did not need to apply to the latter.
IV. In accordance with articles 1.B, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the 2009 PYU Rules of Procedure and the call for participation in the Congress of October 18, 2017, after review and deliberation, the Electoral Commission took the following decisions:

1. Candidatures rejected for non-compliance with the statutory provisions and 2009 rules of procedure of PYU, including those mentioned above.

1.1. Presidency

- **Gambia**: Submission of two candidatures in contradiction with the PYU’s electoral principles and non payment of 6 years PYU statutory contributions in accordance with articles 17 and 19 of the PYU 2008 Statutes.

- **Chad**: for late submission and withdrawal by its government.

1.2. Secretary General

- **Ghana**: for late submission

2. Candidatures validated in accordance with the statutory provisions and rules of procedure of the PYU, including those mentioned above.

2.1. Presidency

- Democratic Republic of Congo

2.2. Vice – Presidency

- Egypt; Algeria – Northern Africa
- Gabon – Central Africa
- Madagascar – Southern Africa
- Niger – West Africa
- Tanzania – East Africa
- ADYFE Diaspora – Austria

2.3. Secretary General

- Mali

2.4. Deputy Secretary General

- Benin – West Africa
- Ghana – West Africa
- Morocco; Libya – Northern Africa
- Uganda – East Africa
- Central African Republic – Central Africa
- Sudan – host country (Automatic statutory seat)
- ADYFE Diaspora - Belgium
- No candidature (vacant) - Southern Africa
N.B:

1. In accordance with Article 1.1.13 of the 2009 PYU Rules of Procedure, a consensus between Ghana and Benin has been submitted to the Electoral Commission in writing, with Ghana passing to the Deputy Secretary General of West Africa and Benin withdrawing completely from the elections. The Electoral Commission with the legal adviser confirmed the agreement by consensus.

2. Members of the Diaspora have been clearly designated and submitted by the African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe (ADYFE) in accordance with the 2008 PYU Statutes, Article 11 (B), Article 15 by an Associate Member.

V. FINAL RESULTS

At the end of the Transparent and Democratic Elections, we, the Electoral Commission and the Observers, after having counted and verified for each position of the Executive Committee of the Pan African Youth Union, publish unanimously the following results of the new PYU Executive Committee, (mandate 2017 - 2020).

FINAL RESULTS, AFTER VERIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION

1. **Presidency**

D.R. CONGO – Ms. Francine Muyumba Furaha – (Unopposed)

2. **Vice – Presidency/ Northern Africa**

   1. Algeria
   2. Egypt

Winner: EGYPT- Mr. Hasaan Ali Gazali

3. **Vice – Presidency/ West Africa**

   NIGER- Mr. Aliou Oumarou (Unopposed)

4. **Vice – Presidency / Central Africa**

   Gabon- Mr. Stephen Ondias (Unopposed)

5. **Vice – President / Southern Africa**

   MADAGASCAR- Ms. Juliana Ratovoson (Unopposed)

6. **Vice – Presidency/ Diaspora**

   AUSTRIA- Mr. Youssouf Simbo Diakite (Unopposed)

7. **Vice – Presidency / East Africa: Vacant**

8. **Secretary General**

   MALI- Mr. Souleymane Satigui SIDIBE (Unopposed)
9. Deputy Secretary General/Northern Africa:

1. Morocco
2. Libya

Winner: MOROCCO - Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Gain

10. Deputy Secretary General / West Africa
GHANA – Mr. Bening Ahmed (unopposed)

11. Deputy Secretary General / Central Africa
Central African Republic -Ms. Pamela Audrey Derom (Unopposed)

12. Deputy Secretary General /East Africa
UGANDA – M. Moris Muhindo (Unopposed)

13. Deputy Secretary General / Diaspora
BELGIUM- Mr. Bora Kamwanya (Unopposed)

14. Deputy Secretary General/ Pays Hôte
SUDAN – Mr. Monzir Almosiref

15. Deputy Secretary General/ Southern Africa : Vacant
VI. CONCLUSION

The Electoral Commission is an independent body appointed in accordance with article 1 B.1 of the 2009 PYU Rules of Procedure, practices and standards. We, as the Electoral Commission, regulate and ensure that elections run smoothly, including observers. We give priority to voters by working for a healthy democracy, where elections are based on principles of trust, participation and mutual influence.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

• We recommend that PYU member States always be familiar with the rules and regulations of the PYU.
VIII. **Electoral Commission**

- Botswana (Southern Africa Region)
- Burundi (Central Africa Region)
- Kenya (East Africa Region)
- Mauritania (North Africa Region)
- Togo (West Africa Region)

IX. **Ex-officio**

- Legal Advisor
- Youth Expert

X. **Observers**

- Government of Burundi
- Government of Ghana
- Government of Mali
- Government of Senegal
- Government of Sudan
- Government of Chad
- AU Representative in Sudan
XI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We thank all the Member States for participating in the Congress, their participation and their commitment to make the Elective Congress a success. We express our sincere thanks to the African governments, observers, and present candidates, and encourage greater participation from other Member States in the future.

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