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Introduction:

1. The tenure of the current Assistant Secretaries General will end on 30 June, 2009.
2. During the Thirty-fifth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers which was held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda from 18 – 20 June 2008, the issue of nominations for the posts of Assistant Secretaries General came up. The Council decided to submit this to the 36th Council of Foreign Ministers and requested the Secretary General to continue his consultations with Member States to reach consensus in this regard.
3. The OIC General Secretariat sent a circular Note to all member States on 3 February 2009, requesting them to put forward their suggestions for the posts of Assistant Secretaries General.

Stipulations of the New Charter:

4. The provisions of Article 18 paragraph 1 of the Charter stipulates that:

“The Secretary-General shall submit nominations of Assistant Secretaries General to the Council of Foreign Ministers, for appointment, for a period of 5 years in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution and with due regard to the competence, integrity and dedication to the objectives of the Charter. One post of Assistant Secretary General shall be devoted to the cause of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine with the understanding that the State of Palestine shall designate its candidate”.

5. Para 4 /sub-para (f) of Article 10 of the Charter refers to the “appointment of the Assistant Secretaries General by the Council of Foreign Ministers in accordance with (above- mentioned) Article 18 of the Charter”.

6. It should also be mentioned that, in addition to the Charter stipulation that one post of Assistant Secretary General **will be designated by the State of Palestine**, besides there has been a tradition in the OIC that one of the Assistant Secretaries post is allocated to the headquarters-host country, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Therefore, remaining three Assistant Secretary posts are devoted to the three geographical groups.

Additional criteria:

7. Within the OIC system all member states have the right to apply for the vacant positions at the OIC General Secretariat. However, it should be mentioned that within the efforts to increase membership discipline and compliance by the member states with their legal and financial obligations of the Organization, certain measures were outlined in the 32nd CFM Resolution No. 6/32-AF. Suspension of the right to apply for any vacant positions in the OIC is among those measures to be applied against defaulting member states.

Additional information:

8. The resolution No: 6/18-AF adopted by the 18th CFM requests the Secretary General to define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Secretaries General for activation and coordination, each within his field of competence.

Nominations/Candidacies received:

9. The General Secretariat has received the following nominations/candidacies for the positions of Assistant Secretaries General from the Member States and they have been already circulated to the Member States together with the CVs of the candidates.

a. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (host country) has nominated
Ambassador Abdullah Abdul Rahman Alim.

b. The State of Palestine has nominated
Ambassador Samir Bakr Diab.

c. Candidatures received for the Arab Group are as follows:

Candidature of **Mr. Kamal Dhaifallah Al Momani**
(Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

Candidature of **Ambassador Ahmad Alawi**
(Republic of Yemen)

Candidature of **Ambassador Atta El Manane Bakhiet** (Republic of Sudan)
(Incumbent ASG/will be finishing his first term)

d. Candidatures received for the African Group are as follows:

Candidature of **Ambassador Ahmad Sseyenmo**
(Republic of Uganda)

Candidature of **Ambassador Hameed Ajibaiye Opeloyeru**
(Federal Republic of Nigeria)

e. Candidatures received for the Asian Group are as follows:

Candidature of **Ambassador Dr Ali Akbar Salehi** (Islamic Republic of Iran)
(Incumbent ASG/will be finishing his first term)

Candidature of **Ambassador Abdul Muez Bukhari**
(Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

Considerations and Nominations:

10. The success of implementing the decisions and resolutions of the sessions of the Islamic Summit and the Council of Foreign Ministers as well as the improvement programmes and action plans which were entrusted to the General Secretariat is largely dependent on the harmony, capability and competence of all sections of the General Secretariat staff, including employees, directors and Assistant Secretaries General who constitute a single team capable of carrying out all responsibilities conscientiously, professionally and diligently.

Pursuant to the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary General by the Charter, particularly in Article 16 as the chief administrative officer of the Organization, the Secretary General, in order to assume the burden of responsibility, must participate effectively in designating the General Secretariat's administrative organs at the top of which are the Assistant Secretaries General, since they are an integral part of the working group of the General Secretariat that assumes the burden of professional responsibility which ultimately devolves from the responsibility of the Secretary General.

In view of the above considerations, as well as the stipulations and requirements mentioned in the paras IV, V, VI and VII of this report, performances of the incumbent Assistant Secretaries General, qualifications of the candidates, interviews with them and consultations with and the views of the geographical groups, I have the honour to submit the following nominations for appointment by the 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers:

1. Ambassador Atta El Manane Bakhiet (Arab Group)
2. Ambassador Hameed Ajibaiye Opeloyeru (African Group)
3. Ambassador Abdul Muez Bukhari (Asian Group)
4. Ambassador Samir Bakr Diab (Palestine)
5. Ambassador Abdullah Abdul Rahman Alim (Saudi Arabia)
