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**PAN-AFRICAN COUNCIL LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT OF  
THE 6TH REGION AU-ECOSOCC ELECTIONS**

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Sir:

Functioning as an international vanguard for leadership and strategic development, the Pan-African Council (PAC) champions the advancement and unity of the African continent and its global diaspora. PAC stands firmly behind this commitment by actively pursuing measures to enhance the wellbeing of individuals, society, and our planet: we bridge political divides through diplomatic engagement, unlock shared prosperity by fostering economic opportunities, and empower communities through targeted social initiatives.

It is therefore in this spirit and on behalf of PAC that I wish to formally endorse the nomination process proposed during the Town Hall Meeting of the 6th Region AU-ECOSOCC Elections and the global zoom meeting held on November 14th, 2024 to that effect.

This approach will effectively guide the subsequent steps towards the final selection and election of the 20 representative seats designated for the 6th Region in the African Union's Economic, Social, and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOCC). The 6th Region represents the global African Diaspora, and the process recommended has demonstrated a comprehensive and inclusive approach to engaging stakeholders across the Diaspora. The process aligns with the principles of transparency, inclusiveness, and accountability, which are critical in ensuring fair representation of the diverse voices of the Diaspora.

Key elements of the methodology that we endorse in your model include:

- **Broad Stakeholder Engagement:** The structured approach to consultation and outreach ensures that the voices of diverse African Diaspora communities are heard and considered in the nomination process.
- **Transparent Selection Criteria:** The use of clear and objective criteria for evaluating candidates promotes fairness and merit-based selection, reflecting Pan-African values and the aspirations of the 6th Region.
- **Effective Representation:** The emphasis on ensuring that potential candidates are knowledgeable, well-informed and, to some measure, experienced in the inner and outer workings of the African

Union and its related organs, in order to be effective Members of AU-ECOSOCC ensuring that they serve and represent the 6th Region effectively.

- **Regional Collaboration:** The methodology fosters strong regional collaboration, helping to unify the African Diaspora around shared goals and objectives.

We are confident that this process shall lead to the selection of qualified and committed individuals who will effectively represent the interests of the African Diaspora and contribute positively to the work of AU-ECOSOCC.

We fully support this initiative and are happy to participate within a team of regional leaders for the Americas and/or support in any of the other regions where we have representation who may be in a position to help to facilitate this process. The 6th Region would benefit greatly from your rich expertise and experience which stems from a leadership, legal training and vast experience.

Yours Sincerely,



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