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APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document concerns the endorsement by the African Union of Mrs. Monica Nkechi Mbanefo's candidature to the position of Secretary-General of the Organization, as advised to the Secretary-General by His Excellency the High Commissioner of Nigeria

Action to be taken: Paragraph 2

Related documents: C 89/30, C 90/34, C 90/34/Add.1 and C 90/34/Add.2

1 Further to the information provided in document C 90/34/Add.2, the Secretary-General has received a letter dated 19 March 2003 from His Excellency the High Commissioner of Nigeria, attaching an extract from a document of the Executive Council of the African Union reflecting the endorsement of Mrs. Monica Nkechi Mbanefo as the sole African candidate to the position of Secretary-General of the Organization. The letter and its attachment are at annex.

Action requested of the Council

2 The Council is invited to take note of the information in this document and any subsequent addenda and to decide accordingly.

ANNEX



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Our Ref: NHC/IMO

19 March 2003

HE Mr William A O'Neil
Secretary-General
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Dear Secretary-General

**CANDIDATURE OF MRS MONICA NKECHI MBANEFU
FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION**

I have the honour to refer to an earlier letter, Ref No FH 8/4/Vol.I dated 19 February 2003, from the Hon Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Alhaji Sule Lamido, on the above subject.

2. Further to the information provided in that letter, I am sending herewith an extract from a document of the Executive Council of the African Union (AU) reflecting the endorsement of Mrs Monica Nkechi Mbanefo's candidature by the AU as **Africa's sole candidate** for the post of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

3. The Federal Government of Nigeria requests, in accordance with the council's decision, to follow the procedure set out in paragraph 4 (iv) of IMO document C89/30 that this letter and the document reflecting the endorsement be circulated to all IMO Member States.

4. The High Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria avails itself to this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Kolade'.

Christopher Kolade, CON
High Commissioner

**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES
FOR POSTS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures;
2. **APPROVES** the recommendations contained in the said Report;
3. **DECIDES** to endorse the following candidatures:
 - a) Mrs. Monica M. Mbanefo of Nigeria, for the post of Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) which will be declared vacant in 2003.