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The Commission of the African Union presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Non-African States and the International Organizations accredited to the African Union (AU) and has the honour to inform them about the new procedure for invitations to the ordinary sessions of the Assembly of the African Union which will take effect starting from the 29th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union scheduled in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 03 to 04 July 2017.

In this regard, the Commission wishes to bring to the attention of the esteemed Embassies and International Organizations that the Assembly, at its Twenty-Eight (28th) Ordinary Session held on 30 and 31 January 2017, adopted Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.635 (XXVIII) which stipulates as follows: ***“External parties shall only be invited to Summits on an exceptional basis and for a specific purpose determined by the interests of the African Union”***.

However, Permanent Representatives of Non-Member States and International Organizations accredited to the AU shall receive an invitation card to enable them attend the opening and closing sessions of the Executive Council and the Assembly.

The Commission of the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Non-African States and the International Organizations accredited to the African Union (AU), the assurances of its highest consideration.



Addis Ababa, 26 May 2017

- **Embassies of non-African States accredited to the AU**
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- **International Organizations accredited to the AU**
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