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The African Union Commission presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Non-African States and the International Organizations accredited to the African Union and has the honour to remind them about the procedure for invitations to the Ordinary Sessions of the Assembly of the African Union which had taken effect starting from the 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 03 to 04 July 2017.

In this regard, the Commission wishes to recall that the Assembly, at its Twenty-Eight (28<sup>th</sup>) 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, only Permanent Representatives of Non-African States and International Organizations accredited to the AU will receive an invitation card, issued by the Directorate of Protocol Services of the Commission, to enable them attend the opening and closing sessions of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union scheduled in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 06 to 07 February and 09 to 10 February 2020 respectively.

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

Addis Ababa, 12 December 2019

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Permanent Missions of Non-African States accredited to the Addis Ababa

 International Organizations accredited to the AU Addis Ababa

cc: Permanent Missions of Member States of the African Union Addis Ababa