



Media Advisory

AU-EU Joint Press Conference

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

When : Friday, April 26 2013

Time: 12:15-12.45 AM

Venue: New African Union Conference Centre Addis Ababa, **Small Conference Room 2**, 2nd floor

WHO: Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission and European Commission President José Manuel Barroso

What: i) In the margins of the African Union and European Union Commission College meeting, European Commission President Barroso will have a bilateral meeting with African Union Commission Chairperson Dr. Dlamini-Zuma on 26 April.

On 25-26 of April, President Barroso and six European Commissioners will meet African Union (AU) Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This college-to-college meeting will launch the preparations of the EU-Africa Summit to take place in April 2014 in Brussels and will be an opportunity to take a fresh look at the EU-African Union strategic relationship.

ii) On 26 April, European Union Commissioner Piebalgs (Development), Commissioner De Gucht (Trade), Commissioner Georgieva (International cooperation,

humanitarian aid and crisis response), Commissioner Hedegaard (Climate action), Commissioner Ciolos (Agriculture and rural development) and Commissioner Šemeta (Taxation, customs, statistics, audit and anti-fraud) will have meetings with African Union Commissioners in Addis Ababa. These cluster meetings are preceded by an opening ceremony at 09:30 – 10:00 AM (open to media) and later a plenary session.

In the margins, President Barroso will also have a bilateral meeting with the government of Ethiopia.

Background:

The African Union and European Union Commission Colleges meet at regular intervals. The EU-AU relationship is very close and is guided by the Joint Africa-EU Strategy. This Joint Strategy, which was adopted by Heads of State and Government from Africa and Europe at the Lisbon Summit in December 2007 puts EU-Africa relations on a new footing, based on the pursuit of shared values, common interests and strategic objectives.

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