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22 ND COMMEMORATION OF THE RWANDA GENOCIDE

INVITATION TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

What: The 22ND COMMEMORATION OF THE RWANDA GENOCIDE
AT THE AFRICAN UNION HEADQUARTERS

Theme : *Fighting Genocide Ideology*

When : 7th- 8th April 2016, 09 :30AM

Where: 7th April, Old Conference Hall and the 8th April Medium
Conference Hall of the AUC headquarters in Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia.

Who: The Department of Political Affairs (DPA) of the African Union
Commission (AUC), in collaboration with the Embassy of the
Republic of Rwanda in Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to
the African Union.

Participants: The authorities and Members of the community of the
Republic of Rwanda and AU Member States, Members of the
Diplomatic Corps, AU Organs, Religious Institutions, Human
Rights Institutions, Intergovernmental organizations, Civil
Society Organizations, UN Agencies, International
Organizations in Ethiopia, Schools and Academic Institutions.

Objectives:

- To discuss and bring out the dangers of 'denial'; including highlighting the classic 'Manifestations' of Genocide Denial and how to fight it.

Expected outcomes:

- It is a chance to learn about Rwanda's story of reconciliation and nation building. High conservation value to raise awareness
- To remember the lives lost, show solidarity with survivors and unite to ensure it never happens again – in Rwanda or elsewhere in Africa and beyond.

Background:

The commemoration of the Rwanda Genocide is annually organised by the African Union following the African Union policy organ decision to recognise the 7th of April as a day of remembrance of the victims of the genocide and reaffirmation of Africa's resolve to prevent and fight genocide on the Continent. The decision was adopted by the African Union Permanent Representatives Committee during its special session on the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda. The purpose of the commemoration is to continuously awaken greater awareness of the African peoples and the international community about the value of life and humanity, and to renew our collective commitment to protect and uphold fundamental human rights

Journalists are invited to cover the 22nd commemoration of the Rwanda genocide on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April 2016, from 09:00AM at the AUC headquarters.

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