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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Inauguration of the Julius Nyerere Peace and Security Building**

**Addis Ababa, 07 October 2016:** The Commission of the African Union (AU) invites journalists to the inauguration ceremony of the new Julius Nyerere Peace and Security Building, **on Tuesday, 11 October 2016, at 10.00 a.m, at the AU headquarters.** The building was constructed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, at a cost of 27 million Euros.

The inauguration ceremony, to take place at the new building, will be graced by German Chancellor H.E. Dr. Angela Merkel, and African Union Commission Chairperson H. E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, , AUC Commissioners, the German Embassy and the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), as well as by AU staff members and other invited guests. Both the AUC Chairperson and the German Chancellor will address the inauguration ceremony.

The new building hosts the AU Peace and Security Department, and provides a base for the operation of the continental early warning system and the coordination of peacekeeping missions. This landmark project depicts the close cooperation that exists between the AU and Germany and goes a long way in enhancing the AU's capacity to meet the challenges of peace and security on the continent.

### ***Journalists are invited to attend the official inauguration of the building.***

**About the Julius Nyerere Peace and Security Building:** Spread across 13,500 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space, the new building includes offices for up to 360 employees. It also includes a plenary hall for the meetings of the Peace and Security Council, a Situation Room and an Operations Room, as well as a library, meeting facilities and space for auxiliary functions. Furthermore, the building also houses the Continental Early Warning System. The new building meets international design standards for environmental sustainability, incorporating climate-friendly and energy-efficient technologies.

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