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THE 28TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION WILL HOLD ON 30 AND 31 JANUARY 2017

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: Opening of the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU).

When: Monday 30 January 2017

Time: 10 am – 1:00 pm

Where: African Union Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Plenary Conference Hall

Who: Heads of State and Government of the African Union Member states

Highlights for the media include:

- A group photograph of the Heads of State and Government

The Official opening ceremony of the AU Summit will feature the following :

- AU Anthem by the AUC Choir
- Statement by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union ;
- Statement by H.E António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations ;
- Statement by H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine and Chairman of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Executive Committee ;
- Opening Statement by H.E. Mr. Idriss Déby Itno and outgoing Chairperson of the African Union ;
- Handover of Hashim Mbita Volumes to AU
- *Announcement of the results of the election* of the Chairperson of the African Union (AU) and other members of the Bureau *by the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps*
- Acceptance Statement by the incoming Chairperson of the African Union and
- Launch of the Theme “**Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in the Youth**”

The Heads of State and Government during their two –day sessions will also proceed in the elections of the following AUC leadership:

- I.) Election of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- II.) Election of the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission

***Media representatives are invited to cover the opening ceremony of the 28th Assembly of the African Union on 30 January at 10:00 am.
For convenience sake, Journalists are kindly reminded to arrive at the venue of the event at least two hours earlier.***

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