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MEDIA ADVISORY.

Launch of the Commemorative Book recognizing African women who have exceptionally advanced the women, peace and security agenda in Africa.

What: The launch of the book "She stands for Peace: 20 Years, 20 Journeys"

Who: The meeting will be addressed by High level officials from the African Union, United Nations officials, the Ethiopian government and partners.

When: Saturday, 8th February 2020.

Time: 1830 hours.

Venue: Sheraton hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Background: The commemorative book initiative is part of the activities for the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security which is also timely with the launch of activities on the AU Theme of the year on "Silencing the Guns: Creating conducive conditions for Africa's development". Twenty (20) African women are featured in the book with a chapter will be dedicated to each woman to share her story or contribution to either of the four pillars of Resolution 1325 namely; prevention, protection, participation and/or relief and recovery as part of the peace and security activities.

The "She stands for Peace: 20 Years, 20 Journeys" book aims to send a message of encouragement to women across our continent and in the rest of the world, by reflecting the exceptional stories and contributions of the women to peace and security on the continent and serve as a learning experience and motivation to other women, especially young women involved in mediation, peacebuilding and peacekeeping activities. The commemorative book will be launched at the margins of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of State and Government of the African Union (AU Summit), scheduled for February 2020 at the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Note to Editors.

The African Union – United Nations collaboration on the production of this book reflects a greater partnership between the two Organizations, marked by the signing of the UN-AU Joint Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security in April 2017, by H.E.

Moussa Faki Mahammat, AU Commission Chairperson and H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General.

In the year 2000, the UN Security Council adopted its landmark Resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security. The Resolution observed that conflict affects women differently and underscored the importance for peace processes to be inclusive and address the needs, views and ensure the participation of women in order to achieve positive outcomes and a lasting peace dividend.

Journalists are kindly invited to attend and cover the launch of the book and to request for exclusive interviews.

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