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Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**33rd Ordinary Session of the African Union
High Level Side Event on Children Affected by Armed Conflicts**

Theme: Stop the War on Children: Dividend of Silencing the Guns

Invitation to the representatives of the media

What: Side event during the 33rd AU Summit: High Level Side Event on Children Affected by Armed Conflicts

When: Monday, 10th February 2020

Time: From 7:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m.

Where: Labella Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Who: The Event Co-Sponsored by the AU Commission, Governments of Nigeria, Uganda, Norway, and Save the Children

Objectives:

The overall objective of the High-Level Dialogue is ***Towards strengthening the protection of children from the 6 Grave violations during armed conflict in Africa.***

Specific objectives are to:

- a) remind AU Member States of their commitments on protecting children affected by armed conflict in Africa;
- b) showcase good practices from AU Member States on the protection of children affected by armed conflict; and
- c) galvanize commitment and action to prevent, protect and address the 6 Grave Violations against children in situations of armed conflict.

Expected outcomes:

- a) The AU Summit adopts a decision on the roadmap for *silencing the guns* to include monitoring and evaluation indicators on the 6 Grave Violations and mechanisms for reporting on them by the AU Commission.

- b) Increased political support and commitment for CAAC in the African Peace and Security Architecture of the AU.
- c) The AU Summit adopts a decision reiterating their commitment for the appointment of the Special Envoy on CAAC at the AU.
- d) A Communiqué /Press Release by the Head of States and Governments on the outcome of the High Level Dialogue on CAAC.

Highlights for the media include:

Opening/Welcome Remarks: H.E President Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia

Key Remarks from: The Presidents of Nigeria, Uganda, Prime Minister of Norway, AU Chairperson and CEO of Save the Children.

Media representatives are invited to cover the side event of the **High Level Side Event on Children Affected by Armed Conflicts** on 10th February 2020.

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