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THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN NAIROBI

Addis Ababa, 17 May 2014: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, has learnt with shock and sadness of the terrorist attack that occurred in Nairobi, yesterday 16 May 2014, resulting in numerous casualties. She strongly condemns this heinous and cowardly act against innocent civilians.

The Chairperson of the Commission expresses the AU's sincere condolences to the families of the victims, as well as to the people and Government of Kenya, and wishes speedy recovery to those wounded. She reiterates AU's full support to the Kenyan authorities in their efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms.

The Chairperson of the Commission stresses once again the imperative need for renewed efforts to combat the scourge of terrorism, including enhanced inter-African cooperation within the framework of the relevant AU and international instruments. She reaffirms the AU's determination to continue supporting the efforts being deployed by Member States in this respect.