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THE AFRICAN UNION WARNS AGAINST ANY UNCONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN LESOTHO

The AU expresses full support to SADC efforts to address the crisis

Addis Ababa, 30 August 2014: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, is following with deep concern the ongoing developments in the Kingdom of Lesotho and the deteriorating political situation in the country.

The Chairperson of the Commission urges the various parties in Lesotho to resolve their political differences through peaceful means and within the framework of the country's Constitution. In line with the relevant African instruments, she emphasizes the AU's firm rejection of unconstitutional changes of Government and warns that the AU will not tolerate any seizure of power by illegal means.

The Chairperson of the Commission expresses AU's full support to the ongoing efforts of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) to assist the Lesotho stakeholders address the challenges currently facing their country and preserve democracy and the rule of law.