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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF AFRICAN NATIONALS BY TERRORIST ELEMENTS IN LIBYA**

**Addis Ababa, 20 April 2015:** The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, has learned with utmost shock about the killing of a number of innocent African nationals, reportedly from Ethiopia, by terrorist elements affiliated to the Islamic State (Daesh) in Libya, which appeared in a propaganda video clip released on Sunday, 19 April 2015.

The Chairperson of the Commission strongly condemns this barbaric and cowardly act. She stresses that such despicable act only underlines the urgency for an enhanced international action in addressing the prevailing situation in Libya, marked by the collapse of law and order and the increasing presence of terrorist groups, some of which have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the AU's commitment to continue working with all relevant African and international stakeholders towards the restoration of effective state institutions and security in Libya, as well as the elimination of the terrorist groups that are operating in that country.