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Commissioner Fatima Haram Acyl of Trade and Industry address the Press

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 26 January 2015 – “Africa must pay attention to its industrial sector in order to benefit from its vast natural resources. This is a vision that has been set for the agenda 2063” said the Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the African Union, H.E Mrs. Fatima Haram Acyl during a press conference today, 26 January 2015 at the margins of the 24th AU Summit.



The Commissioner noted that the Department of Trade and Industry of the AU has made progress in promoting intra-African trade. She pointed out that

the AU Commission in collaboration with the RECs is working hard to promote the free movement of people and goods within the continent.

She further announced that the Commission is striving towards providing a common AU passport to facilitate a continental free movement of people across the borders of the respective African countries which will enhance trade within Africa.

The Commissioner underscored the need for the statistics of the free trade areas to be reviewed so as to provide African business men with updated data to enable them do their business transaction and networking efficiently.

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