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**CONFIRMATION** of the *Fourth Meeting of Government Experts and***POSTPONEMENT** of the *Meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General or any other relevant Ministers*

The Commission of the African Union (AU) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of all Member States and has the honour to refer to the previous Note Verbale BC/OLC/72.1-6.1/3988.11 dated 10 February 2011 on the *Fourth Meeting of Government Experts on the Transformation of the African Union Commission Into the African Union Authority* to be followed by a *Meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General or any other relevant Ministers* initially scheduled to be held at the Headquarters of the African Union, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 14 to 18 March 2011 and 21 to 22 March 2011, respectively.

The Commission wishes to inform the esteemed Ministries that some Member States have indicated to the Commission that the time allocated to the experts will not be enough for the experts to consider all the legal instruments. In view of the importance and the complexity of the legal issues which will be considered by Government Experts, the Commission has the honour to inform the esteemed Ministries that the ***Fourth Meeting of Government Experts on the Transformation of the African Union Commission Into the African Union Authority will be extended to also cover the period 21-22 March 2011 inclusive*** which was initially intended for the Meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General, at the Headquarters of the African Union, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**Consequently, the *Meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General or any other relevant Ministers* has been postponed and will be held from 19 to 20 May 2011, at the Headquarters of the African Union, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

It will be recalled that the Commission had forwarded the draft agenda, draft work programme as well as all relevant working documents relating to the meetings. **The Commission transmits herewith the revised draft Agenda and draft work programme.** Consequently, the Commission requests the esteemed Ministries to kindly consider this version and ignore previous submissions.

The Commission of the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of the Member States the assurances of its highest consideration. DD

**Addis Ababa, 3 March 2011**

**To: Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External  
Relations of the Member States**

**cc.: Permanent Missions of all Member States  
Addis Ababa**