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ECOSOCC Statement condemning terrorist attack in Tunisia

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The African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack on the coastal city of Sousse in Tunisia, on Friday, 26 June 2015 resulting in the death of at least 38 people and wounding at least 39 others.

On behalf of ECOSOCC, I express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims of this heinous act and to the Government of Tunisia and other relevant Governments who have lost their citizens in this attack.

We mourn with Tunisia and stand behind our close friend in this dark time

Although the suspected culprit was killed, ECOSOCC emphasizes the urgency to bring perpetrators, organizers and financiers of this reprehensible act of terrorism to justice, and urged all African and Non-African States to cooperate swiftly and actively with the Tunisian authorities in this regard.

Tunisia is a success story in establishing democratic rule. No terrorist attack can reverse its path in consolidation of democratic gains or in the efforts directed towards economic recovery and development.

Terrorists have declared war on African people and their shared values of peace, freedom, democracy and human rights.

African civil society will not sit on the side-lines as this ruthless terrorist group unleashes pointless violence on innocent civilians in Africa. We stand with our governments as they continue to protect our citizens, support the continental efforts to defeat the terrorist threat, and stand shoulder to shoulder with progressive nations in defiance of these horrible acts.

Mr. Joseph Chilengi,

ECOSOCC Presiding Officer