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PRESSE STATEMENT

THE AFRICAN UNION DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE SITUATION IN EGYPT

Addis Ababa, February 3, 2011: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Jean Ping, continues to follow closely the developments in Egypt. He is particularly concerned by the escalating violence and loss of lives.

The Chairperson of the Commission stresses the need for all stakeholders to exercise utmost restraint and to work, through dialogue, for the search of a consensual solution to the situation that takes into account the aspirations of the people of Egypt, as well as the need for appropriate reforms.

The Chairperson of the Commission appeals to all parties concerned to put the interest of Egypt above all other considerations and to steadfastly work towards the early resolution of the current crisis by exclusively peaceful means.