



PRESS RELEASE

THE AFRICAN UNION EXPRESSES ITS OUTRAGE AT THE ATTACK ON UNAMID PERSONNEL IN DARFUR

Addis Ababa, 7 April 2011: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Jean Ping, strongly condemns the unprovoked and deliberate attack on a UNAMID convoy between Fata Borno and Kutum, in Sector North, on the afternoon of 5 April 2011, which caused the death of one female Sierra Leonean Police Officer and seriously wounded two others.

The Chairperson sends his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and colleagues of the deceased, and wishes quick recovery to the wounded officers. The Chairperson appeals to all UNAMID peacekeepers not to be discouraged by this incident, but rather to continue to press ahead and fulfill the Mission's mandate, in spite of the difficult and dangerous environment in which they operate.

He appeals to the Government of the Sudan to spare no effort in ensuring that the perpetrators of this despicable act are identified and brought to justice.
