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### THE AFRICAN UNION HIGH-LEVEL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LIBYA CONVENED ITS 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA

**Addis Ababa, 26 May 2011:** As part of the implementation of its mandate, the African Union (AU) High-Level *ad hoc* Committee on Libya met in Addis Ababa, on 25 and 26 May 2011, at the level of Heads of State and Government. The Chairperson of the AU Commission and the AU Commissioner for Peace and Security attended the meeting.

The *ad hoc* Committee reviewed the situation in Libya, in light of the update provided by the AU Commissioner for Peace and Security. The Committee also interacted with the representatives of the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and those of the Transitional National Council (TNC) of Libya.

In the course of these meetings, the *ad hoc* Committee updated its interlocutors on AU's efforts towards the resolution of the crisis in Libya. The Committee also received clarifications on the respective positions of the two Libyan parties with regard to the AU Roadmap, in follow up to the commitment they made, during the ministerial meeting of the *ad hoc* Committee, held in Addis Ababa, on 26 April 2011, to submit written observations on this Roadmap.

The representatives of the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya elaborated on the document submitted earlier on by the Libyan Government to the AU Commission on "Mechanisms and Means of Implementing the Roadmap of the African Union". The document outlines the following: (i) ceasefire, including confidence-building measures and the monitoring mechanism; (ii) humanitarian assistance to the Libyan population and the African migrant workers; (iii) political dialogue, and (iv) other related measures.

The TNC representatives presented a document on the "*Framework for negotiations on meeting the legitimate demands of the Libyan people in the establishment of democratic constitutional rule*". This was followed by an in-depth exchange of views on the document with the members of the *ad hoc* Committee.

The *ad hoc* Committee reported on its efforts to the extraordinary session of the Assembly of the Union, held in Addis Ababa, on 25 May 2011. The Assembly adopted a decision on the peaceful resolution of the Libyan crisis by which it endorsed the AU Roadmap and approved the

recommendations contained in the report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the Challenges to Peace and Security on the Continent and AU's efforts.

As a follow-up to its own deliberations and to the Assembly decision, the Committee agreed on the next steps of the implementation of its mandate. These revolve mainly around the following:

- (i) a further visit to Libya to pursue the dialogue initiated with the parties, including on the urgent issue of the ceasefire, for which the *Ad hoc* Committee intends to table a detailed document;
- (ii) the dispatching of a ministerial delegation to New York to interact with the Security Council and its members; and
- (iii) practical steps to engage specific AU bilateral partners on the Roadmap and the actions to be taken by the international community to facilitate an early resolution of the conflict in Libya.

The *ad hoc* Committee reiterated its determination to intensify its efforts towards the establishment of a credible and verifiable ceasefire, as a priority step towards the implementation of all the components of the Roadmap.