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CONVENING OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION

Addis Ababa, 20 May 2011: As a follow up to the decision of the 275th meeting of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) held in Addis Ababa, at the ministerial level, on 26 April 2011, and further to consultations among the Member States, an extraordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in the afternoon 25 May and morning of 26 May 2011.

The session will be devoted to the consideration of the state of peace and security in Africa, in light of the challenges and crises facing the Continent.

The Summit will provide an opportunity to review the situation in Libya, on the basis of the work being carried out by the AU High-Level *ad hoc* Committee on Libya, and other conflict situations, with a view to forging collective African responses towards their early resolution. In this regard, the Summit will build on earlier PSC decisions and follow-up actions taken by the Commission and other Organs of the Union.