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THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION RECEIVES AN URGENT APPEAL ON LIBYA BY FORMER AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONS

Addis Ababa, 26 May 2011: Yesterday, 25 May 2011, thirty former African Heads of State and Government, as well as Institutions, sent the attached Urgent Appeal on the situation in Libya to the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Jean Ping.

In their letter, these personalities expressed deep concern at the current situation in Libya and its implications for that country and Africa as a whole. They called for immediate dialogue as the only means to arrive at a durable solution to the conflict, and expressed full support for AU's efforts, urging it to vigorously pursue the implementation of the Roadmap adopted by the Peace and Security Council, on 10 March 2011. They further called on the international community to fully rally behind the African efforts.