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SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AFRICAN UNION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Addis Ababa, 8 June 2011 – A Signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between the African Union Commission and the Government of the Republic of Uganda took place in Addis Ababa on Wednesday 8 June, 2011.

The Commissioner for Peace and Security, Ambassador Ramtane Lamamra, signed on behalf of the African Union while Dr Chrispus Kiyonga, the Honourable Minister for Defence signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda. Present at the ceremony on the Ugandan side, among others, were Ambassador Mull Katende.

The Memorandum of Understanding is the agreement between the African Union and the Government of the Republic of Uganda on the contribution of troops and resources to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM)

Commissioner Lamamra commended the Government of Uganda for its continued support to the African Union by contributing troops and resources to AMISOM and commended the gallant soldiers for their bravery, commitment, and professionalism in discharging their duties whilst in AMISOM.

The Minister of Defence of the Republic of Uganda in turn thanked the African Union Commission for its continued support in enabling the Ugandan contingent discharge its mandate effectively.