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**PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN UNION TO MEET ON THURSDAY AND DISCUSS AGENDA OF SUMMIT IN MALABO**

**Addis Ababa, 21 June 2011** – The 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) will from Thursday 23 June 2011, in Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, begin deliberating on the agenda of the 17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) scheduled for 30 June - 1 July 2011.

For two days, the Ambassadors will consider the working documents and draft decisions in preparation for the 19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled to take place from 26 to 28 June 2011, in Malabo. They will share views on a number of issues including: Consideration of the report of the PRC sub-committees including the report of the advisory sub-Committee on administrative, budgetary and financial matters on the draft budget for 2012 and on the status of implementation of the new staff regulations and rules; , amongst others.

The PRC will further discuss specific reports including the report of the sub-committee on structures; activities on multilateral cooperation; refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons in Africa; economic and trade matters; and the report on NEPAD.

Meanwhile, the 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) will hold under the theme: *“Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development”*.

For more information, consult the African Union website: [www.au.int](http://www.au.int) and visit the 17<sup>th</sup> Summit web page of the AU at the following link: <http://www.au.int/en/summit/17thsummit>

***Journalists are invited to cover the official opening and closing ceremonies of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the PRC on 23 and 24 June 2011.***