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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **OFFICIAL PRESENTATION BY THE AU TO THE LIBYAN PARTIES OF A PROPOSAL ON A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS IN LIBYA**

**Malabo, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011:** The African Union (AU) High-Level *ad hoc* Committee on Libya, today, officially presented to the Libyan parties the AU proposals for a Framework Agreement on a political solution to the crisis in Libya, as endorsed by the 17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 30 June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

These proposals are made within the context of the AU Roadmap for the Peaceful Resolution of the crisis in Libya and the Communiqué of the meeting of the High-Level *ad hoc* Committee, held in Pretoria, South Africa, on 26 June 2011, including Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's commitment to an inclusive dialogue process with the participation of the Transitional National Council (TNC) of Libya, as well as acceptance of not being part of the negotiation process. They also fall within the framework of the United Nations Security Council resolutions 1970(2011) and 1973(2011). The objective is to bring the current crisis to an end, ensure the effective protection of the civilian population, including the provision of humanitarian support, and usher in a political process that will make it possible to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Libyan people to democracy, rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights.

It is envisaged to convene, soon, in Addis Ababa, negotiations between the parties to discuss these proposals.

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