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## Press Release

### Several Permanent Representatives to the AU bid Farewell to the Chairperson



Chairperson receiving Ambassador  
Tarek Abdel Monem Ghoneim of  
Egypt



Chairperson receiving  
Ambassador Amadou N'Diaye of  
Mali



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Ambassador Lebohang Fine  
Maema KC of the Kingdom  
of Lesotho



Chairperson receiving  
Ambassador Premdut Doongoor  
of Mauritius

**Addis Ababa, 24 August 2011--** The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Dr. Jean Ping, on 23 and 24 August 2011, separately, received in his office at AUC Headquarters in Addis Ababa, the Permanent Representatives of four Member States to AU, namely, Ambassadors Tarek Abdel Monem Ghoneim of Egypt, Amadou N'Diaye of Mali, Lebohang Fine Maema KC of the Kingdom of Lesotho and Premdut Doongoor of Mauritius, who had come to bid him farewell at the end of their tenure of duty.

The Chairperson commended the outgoing Permanent Representatives for the competence and dedication with which they ably represented their respective countries. He also expressed his appreciation for the active role they played in promoting the goals and ideals of the African Union.

On their part, the outgoing Permanent Representatives thanked the Chairperson and the entire AUC leadership for the cooperation and support accorded them during their tenure of duty. They assured the Chairperson of their countries' continued support for the AUC's efforts to achieve the noble goals of the Union.

The Chairperson awarded certificates of appreciation to the outgoing Permanent Representatives, in recognition of their valuable contributions and wished them the best in their future endeavors.



**Chairperson receiving  
Ambassador Gunther Sleeuwagen  
of the Kingdom of Belgium**



**Chairperson receiving  
Ambassador Chung Soon-Suk of  
South Korea**

In the same context, the Chairperson received Ambassadors Gunther Sleeuwagen of the Kingdom of Belgium as well as Chung Soon-Suk of South Korea, who, as Ambassadors to Ethiopia, also represented their respective countries at the African Union during their tenures in Addis Ababa.

The Chairperson and his guests exchanged views on several issues of mutual interest and seized the opportunity to commend the two diplomats for their laudable work in promoting and strengthening the ties of cooperation between their respective countries and the African Union.

The farewell ceremonies were attended, among others, by the Chief of Staff in the Bureau of Chairperson, the Deputy Chief of Staff and the Diplomatic Advisor of the Chairperson.

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