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SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUC AND DJIBOUTI



Addis Ababa, 16 September 2011- A Signing ceremony of the Agreement between the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Republic of Djibouti took place in Addis Ababa on Friday 16 September, 2011.

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Dr. Jean Ping, signed on behalf of the African Union Commission while Ambassador Ismail Goulal Boudine, who ends his tenure, signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Djibouti. The ceremony was attended, among others, by Ambassador John Kayode Shinkaye, Chief of Staff in the Bureau of Chairperson, Mr. Pierre Moussavou, Deputy Chief of Staff and Mr. Girma Zewdie, Department of Political Affairs.

The ceremony is a follow up of the decision of the 19th Extra-Ordinary Session of the PRC Sub-Committee on the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa (SEAF), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 16 August 2011 to approve emergency relief assistance in the sum of US\$300,000 to the Government of Djibouti, following the unprecedented drought that affected more than 120,000 people and large number of animals in the country.

The grant which is a symbol of solidarity with the people of Djibouti will be used for the purchase of food and non-food items to the affected population in Djibouti.

The PRC Sub-Committee on the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, composed of fifteen Member States, is currently chaired by Zimbabwe.

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