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## PRESS RELEASE

### ***The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union strongly condemns today's terrorist attack in Mogadishu***

***Addis Ababa, 4 October 2011:*** The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Jean Ping, strongly condemns the cowardly explosive attack today in Mogadishu, which killed and injured many innocent Somalis, mostly students, who were waiting for the results of scholarships from the Ministry of Higher Education.

The Chairperson notes that this barbaric attack comes at a time when the country was making remarkable progress towards peace and stability. He reiterates the commitment of the AU to continue supporting the Somali Government and people in implementing the Transitional Roadmap agreed to in early September.

The Chairperson conveys the AU's heartfelt condolences to the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and the bereaved families and prays for quick recovery of the injured.