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## COMMUNIQUÉ

### THE AFRICAN UNION WELCOMES THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS IN MADAGASCAR

**Addis Ababa, 21 October 2011:** The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Jean Ping, welcomes the positive and encouraging developments towards the resolution of the crisis in Madagascar and return to constitutional order. In this regard, he notes with satisfaction the ongoing consultations for the appointment of a new Prime Minister and a new Cabinet, as a follow up to the Road map signed by the Malagasy parties, on 16 September 2011, and the Implementation Framework agreed upon thereafter.

The Chairperson of the Commission commends the Malagasy parties for these strides and encourages them to make every effort to complete the transition which has now been ushered in. He expresses his gratitude to the SADC Mediator and Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation, for their tireless efforts towards a lasting solution of the crisis.

The Chairperson of the Commission would like to assure the Malagasy parties of the continuing commitment of the AU to accompany them and support their efforts. In this context, consultations are under way for the early convening of a meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the AU, to be followed by a meeting of the International Contact Group on Madagascar, in order to underscore Africa's support to the ongoing process and mobilize the international community for its successful completion.