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PRESS RELEASE

**THE AFRICAN UNION CONCERNED ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE
FORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY
IN MADAGASCAR**

The AU urges the Malagasy Parties to demonstrate a spirit of compromise to overcome the present difficulties

Addis Ababa, 19 November 2011: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Jean Ping, continues to follow closely the evolution of the situation in Madagascar, particularly the implementation process of the Roadmap for Ending the Crisis in Madagascar, signed in Antananarivo, on 16 September 2011, under the auspices of the Ministerial Troika of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

The Chairperson of the Commission recalls that the appointment of the members of the transitional Government should have been done on 17 November 2011, in conformity with the Framework for the Implementation of the Roadmap approved on 30 September 2011 by all the Malagasy stakeholders.

In this context, and in view of the need to maintain and enhance the momentum generated by the SADC mediation efforts, the Chairperson of the Commission calls upon all the Malagasy stakeholders to demonstrate a high sense of responsibility and the required spirit of compromise to form, without any further delay, the Government of National Unity that the Malagasy people and the international community as a whole are eagerly awaiting. The formation of this Government will pave the way for the implementation of the other steps of the Roadmap, including the preparation and organisation of free, fair and credible elections to restore constitutional order.



The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the full support of the AU to the efforts of SADC and expresses, once again, his appreciation for the results achieved so far in the search for a lasting solution to the crisis that will enable Madagascar to open a new chapter in its history. He encourages SADC to persevere in its efforts, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the Roadmap and ensuring compliance with its Implementation Framework.

The Chairperson of the Commission recalls that steps have been taken for the convening, upon the formation of the Government, of a meeting of the AU Peace and Security Council to consider the situation in the light of the report to be submitted by SADC and to take the appropriate decisions. This will be followed by a meeting of the International Contact Group on Madagascar (ICG-M), which is chaired by the AU, in order to mobilise the necessary support for the speedy conclusion of the process for a way out of the crisis in Madagascar.

