



Press Release

Chairperson of the AU Commission meets in Tripoli with Chairman of the National Transitional Council (NTC) of Libya

Tripoli, 13 March 2012 – The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Dr. Jean Ping, met on the 12th of March 2012, in Tripoli, with the Chairman of the National Transitional Council (NTC) of Libya, Dr. Mustafa Abul Jalil.

During the meeting, both personalities reviewed the ties of cooperation between the AU Commission and Libya, and Dr. Ping re-affirmed the importance the African Union attaches to its efforts in support of the transitional process in Libya and the strengthening of relations between Libya and the rest of the Continent, in particular with neighboring countries.

The meeting offered the Chairperson the opportunity to introduce to the NTC Chairman, his new Special Representative to Libya, Mr. Mondher Rezgui, who will head the AU Liaison Office in Tripoli, which is expected to open soon.

On his part, the NTC Chairman said that he was pleased to receive Dr. Ping and welcomed the appointment to Libya of Special Representative Rezgui. Dr. Mustafa Abul Jalil wished Mr. Rezgui success in his duties and emphasized Libya's determination to strengthen its relations with all African countries, within the framework of mutual respect and common interests.

He further stated that Libya wants to bury the past and deal with African countries on an equal basis, regardless of when they declared their support for the Libyan Revolution. However, the NTC Chairman said that Libya will not accept that any African country should become an incubator for those who want to destabilize Libya.

During his official visit to the Libyan capital, the second in two months, Chairperson Ping participated in the Regional Ministerial Conference on Border Security, held on the 11th and 12th of March 2012.

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