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### **Fourth Ordinary Session of the African Union Commission on International Law Holds in the African Union Headquarters**



**Addis Ababa, 14 April 2012:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) took place at the Headquarters of the African union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 4 to 14 April 2012.

One of the key highlights of the Session was the election of a new Bureau to serve for two (2) years as follows:

- **Chairperson** - Prof. Adelardus Kilangi;
- **Vice Chairperson** - Prof. Kamel Filali; and
- **General Rapporteur** - Prof. Makenga B. Mpasu.

During the Session the AUCIL considered amongst others, their budget including some preliminary study reports prepared by its Special Rapporteurs on the following subjects:(a) Juridical Basis for Reparation for Slavery, (b) Model National Law on Kampala Convention on Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, (c) Abuse of the Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction, (d) Teaching and Dissemination of International Law and African Union law, (e) Harmonization of Ratification Procedures in

African Union Member States, and (f) Study on Unconstitutional Change of Power in Africa.



At the end of the Session, AUCIL adopted number of decisions in particular on improving its internal working methods, the organization of a Forum of experts of International Law and African Union law and the launch the first edition of the AUCIL Yearbook and Journal of International Law before the end of 2012.