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**CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST AU-UN HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 24 April 2018:** The 1<sup>st</sup> African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN) High Level Dialogue on Human Rights was convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 24 April 2018 as part of the longstanding commitment to strengthen ongoing collaboration between both institutions.

The Dialogue was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the AUC and H.E. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The principal objective of the High-Level Dialogue is to enhance the strategic partnership between the AU and the UN in the area of human and peoples' rights. The Dialogue presented a Platform to explore and develop joint approaches to preventing and

addressing human rights abuses and violations, building on frameworks such as the African Decade on Human Rights and its 10-Year Action Plan, the AU-UN Cooperation Framework on Peace and Security, the Joint AU-UN Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM), as well as recommendations from the regional and international human rights mechanisms.

The Dialogue brought together the African Union Commissioners, elected officials from various AU organs and senior representatives from both the African Union and the United Nations.

During the Dialogue, the AU and the UN agreed to work together to deliver on the declaration of Year 2018 by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government as the Year of Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation.

The AU and the UN committed to closely working together towards the development, adoption and implementation of a joint AU-UN Framework on Human Rights. To this end, both sides will work together in their efforts to combat corruption as a threat to the enjoyment of human and peoples' rights in Africa.

The highlight of the meeting was the signing of a Joint Communiqué of the High Level Dialogue on Human Rights.

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