



## **Statement of the Chairperson calling for the lifting of all sanctions imposed against the Republic of Zimbabwe**

26 October 2021, Addis Ababa: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat renews the African Union demand for the immediate and unconditional removal of sanctions imposed against the Republic of Zimbabwe, and in support of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) commemoration of SADC Anti-Sanctions Day.

The Chairperson remains concerned by the negative impact of continued sanctions against the Republic of Zimbabwe to the country's socio-economic development and recovery efforts.

The Chairperson reaffirms the commitment of the African Union to continue working closely with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to support all regional efforts, and in this regard, the African Union associates itself fully with the statement issued by President Lazarus Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi and current Chairperson of SADC.