



## **Statement of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the release of Political Prisoners in Ethiopia.**

**Addis Ababa, 8 January 2022:** The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, was pleased to learn of the release of political opposition figures detained in Ethiopia.

The Chairperson welcomes this important gesture of appeasement of the political situation in Ethiopia. He sincerely hopes that it will be the trigger for a political process, paving the way for the implementation of a genuinely inclusive National Dialogue process for the peaceful and consensual solution to the political and institutional problems facing the Federation.

The Chairperson further encourages all the actors to engage in it with courage and determination while assuring them, to this end, of the resolute support of the African Union.