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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **African Union Commission and Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) sign Memorandum of Understanding to ensure cooperation in areas of genocide and mass atrocity prevention**

**Addis Ababa, 19 February 2013:** The Commission of the African Union (AU) and the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) signed, today, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), at the African Union Headquarters, to facilitate cooperation and collaboration in areas of genocide and mass atrocity prevention.

The MoU was signed on behalf of the AU by Mr. El Ghassim Wane, Director, AU Peace and Security Department (PSD) and on behalf of the AIPR by Ms. Lily Samuels, Program Officer, African Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention.

The parties agreed to co-operate in capacity building initiatives relating to building the capacity of African countries in the area of peace and reconciliation.

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