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## **STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

### **COMMISSION ON EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

**Addis Ababa, 9 January 2018:** The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, received the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to the African Union and Ambassador to Ethiopia, Mr. Simeon Oyono Esono, yesterday.

The Permanent Representative informed the Commission of recent developments in his country. In this regard, he stated that the Equatorial Guinean authorities had foiled an attempted coup involving foreign mercenaries.

The Chairperson of the Commission thanked the Permanent Representative for the information provided. He recalled the African Union's principled stand on the rejection of unconstitutional changes of government, in accordance with its relevant instruments. He expressed the African Union's strong condemnation of any attempt to seize power by force in Equatorial Guinea, as well as its commitment to the respect of legality and to the stability of the country.