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AUC CHAIRPERSON HOLDS HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON THE MARGINS OF THE LONDON CONFERENCE ON SOMALIA

Addis Ababa, 11 May 2017: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) Moussa Faki Mahamat held high level consultations on the margins of the London Conference on Somalia.

The Chairperson of the AUC met with H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and H.E. Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

The Chairperson of the AU Commission further met with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, United Kingdom Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Boris Johnson, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Bert Koenders, Denmark's State Secretary for international cooperation, Martin Bille. He also held bilateral discussions with the Vice President of the European Union Commission and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States, Ahmed Aboul-Gheit.

The Chairperson of the AU Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat underlined the need to redouble efforts in support of Somalia to allow the administration of H.E Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo to overcome the many challenges facing the country. He stressed the importance to support the full implementation of the newly adopted national security architecture in order to stand up Somalia security forces as part of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM)'s exit strategy.

The Chairperson of the AUC also called for a mobilization of predictable and sustainable funding for AMISOM stressing that the current situation was untenable. He further appealed for humanitarian assistance commensurate with the challenges at hand.

The Chairperson of the AUC also exchanged views with his interlocutors on the recent developments in Libya, Northern Mali and Sahel, Lake Chad Basin, Guinea Bissau, South Sudan and the Great Lakes region.

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