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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Signing Ceremony of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the Region**

***Addis Ababa, 22 November 2013:*** The African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN) will be organizing a high-level ceremony for the signing of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Great Lakes Region, on Sunday, 24 February 2012, at 10:30 a.m., at the AU Headquarters New Conference Complex (AUCC).

The signatories will include the Presidents or other representatives of the DRC, Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The Chairperson of the AU will attend the ceremony. Representatives of the AU Member States and partners, regional organizations (ICGLR, SADC), Regional Economic Communities (RECS) and Regional Mechanisms (RMs) will also be in attendance.

The Chairperson of the Commission, the UN Secretary-General, the Chairpersons of the ICGLR and SADC will sign as witnesses and guarantors.

The objective is to promote peace, security and stability in the DRC and the Great Lakes Region.

**Journalists are invited to attend the ceremony to be followed by a press conference at 12:40 p.m.**

