PRESS RELEASE

CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
CONDEMNS TERRORIST ATTACK IN EGYPT

Addis Ababa, 11 December 2016: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack that took place on 11 December 2016, at the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Coptic Church in Cairo, Egypt which killed more than 30 people and injured many others.

The Chairperson expresses the AU’s heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and wishes speedy recovery to the injured. She assures the Government and people of Egypt of the AU’s full solidarity and support in these difficult circumstances. She reiterates the AU’s readiness to support Egypt, as part the overall AU efforts in combating terrorism and violent extremism on the continent, in line with relevant international and AU instruments.

The Chairperson of the Commission, once again, appeals to the international community to redouble its efforts aimed at defeating terrorist groups operating in Africa and other parts of the world, with an agenda to cause death, panic, havoc and destruction.

The Chairperson reiterates that this terrorist attack will in no way undermine AU’s determination to rid the continent of all forms of terrorism, as its resolve is total and robust.