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THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE COWARDLY TERRORIST ATTACK IN TUNISIA

Addis Ababa, 26 June, 2015: The Chairperson of Commission the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, strongly condemns the cowardly terrorist attack that took place today in Sousse, central Tunisia, killing several people and wounding many others. She expresses the AU’s full solidarity with the Tunisian people and Government, expresses its condolences to the bereaved families and wishes a speedy recovery to the injured. She expresses the AU’s full support to the efforts of the Tunisian Government to combat terrorism.

The Chairperson of the Commission stresses that this heinous attack is a further illustration of the seriousness of the threat that terrorism poses to security and stability not only in Tunisia but also in the whole of Africa. In this context, she calls for resolute African and international action to deal with this scourge.

The Chairperson of the Commission recalls that, at its Ordinary Session held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 14 and 15 June 2015, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government recalled its rejection of all acts and manifestations of terrorism and violent extremism, reiterated the determination of Africa to spare no effort to eliminate this threat, and called for the effective implementation of the decisions adopted on this issue, as well as of relevant African and international instruments.