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THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE EGYPTIAN SECURITY FORCES IN SINAI

Addis Ababa, 25 October 2014: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, expresses profound shock and dismay at the two terrorist attacks directed at Egyptian security forces at Sheikh Zuweid and Al-Arish border posts in Sinai, on 24 October 2014, resulting in the death of over 30 military personnel.

The Chairperson of the Commission condemns, in the strongest terms possible, these cowardly and terrorist attacks, which cannot be justified under any circumstances. She offers AU’s heartfelt condolences to the people and Government of Egypt, as well as to the bereaved families. She wishes speedy recovery to those wounded in these attacks.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the need for continued and coordinated African efforts to prevent and combat the scourge of terrorism. In this respect, she stresses the importance of the measures agreed upon by the Peace and Security Council at its meeting held in Nairobi on 2 September 2014, and urges all Member States to actively work towards their effective implementation.