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The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union
receives the United Nations Special Representative for Libya

Addis Ababa, 16 January 2018: The Chairperson of the African
Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, received the Special
Representatives of the United Nations Secretary-General and
Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL),
Ghassan Salame, at the African Union Headquarters in Addis
Ababa on 15 January 2018.

The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange on the situation
in Libya and means by which the partnership can be further
strengthened in order to address the prevailing crisis in the
country. Both the Chairperson of the Commission and the Special
Representative underscored that a coordinated approach between
the two organizations is vital in finding lasting peace in Libya.

In this regard, they agreed that the two organisations shall work
together to facilitate building of a consensus among Libyans, in
order to unify the Libyan institutions, form an inclusive national
government and hold free and fair elections in the country. In so
doing, the African Union and the United Nations shall act in
pursuance of the relevant decisions of the Security Council and
the Peace and Security Council and build on the African Union
Roadmap, adopted by the AU High Level Committee on Libya, at
its 4th meeting, held in Brazzaville, on 9 September 2017, and the
United Nations Action Plan adopted at the High-Level Meeting on
Libya, convened by the United Nations Secretary-General, in New York on 21 Sept 2017.

It should be noted that the Special Representative also met with the African Union Commissioners for Peace and Security, Political Affairs and Social Affairs in the course of which a range of issues were discussed, including efforts to address the plight of African migrants in Libya.

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