PRESS STATEMENT

THE AU CONGRATULATES MS BIENCE GAWANAS ON HER APPOINTMENT AS
UN SPECIAL ADVISER ON AFRICA

Addis Ababa, 16 January 2018 - The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa
Faki Mahamat, the Deputy Chairperson Kwesi Quartey, together with the entire African Union
family extend our warmest congratulations to Ms Bience Gawanas of Namibia, on her
nomination to serve as the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on Africa.

“I wish to warmly congratulate our sister Bience Gawanas for being appointed to this
important position to which she brings her formidable continental experience as a former
Commissioner of Social Affairs and as a legal scholar and an advocate for social justice and
equity in her native Namibia, said Chairperson Faki.

“Africa will be well served and we look forward to working with Ms Gawanas and the rest of
the United Nations family to further our common agenda for Africa,” Chairperson Faki added.

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