The African Union Commission convenes the Joint Committee Meeting to work out a Comprehensive implementation plan for the disarmament of light weapons in the Tigray Region

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 01 December 2022: The African Union Commission (AU) convenes the Joint Committee Meeting in Shire, Tigray region on the Implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) and the Tigray Peoples’ Liberation Front (TPLF) of 2 November 2022. The meeting is consistent with the Declaration of the Senior Commanders, which called for the establishment of a comprehensive implementation plan for the disarmament of light weapons. The Joint Committee is made up of representatives of the FDRE, the TPLF and the African Union.

The Shire meeting is a major confidence-building measure in furtherance of the Parties’ commitment to fully implement the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA) for lasting peace and stability in Ethiopia.

The AU wishes to commend the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Tigray People’s Liberation Front for this significant milestone in the peace process.

The African Union Commission expresses its appreciations to the African Development Bank for its continued support towards the AU-led process, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for its meaningful support towards facilitating the conduct of the meeting.