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THE AFRICAN UNION WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Addis Ababa, 19 January 2013: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, welcomes the appointment of Mr. Nicolas Tiangaye, from the Opposition, as the Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, on 17 January 2013, in accordance with the Political Agreement signed by the Central African Republic (CAR) parties, in Libreville, on 11 January 2013.

This appointment is an important step forward in the implementation of the commitments entered into by the CAR parties. The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates her appeal to the parties to continue to demonstrate the required political will for the implementation of all their other commitments under the Libreville Agreements.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates her appeal to the AU Member States and partners to provide the necessary support for the implementation of the Political Agreement, as well as all other Agreements reached by the CAR parties in Libreville, including by supporting the efforts of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and those of its Follow-up Committee.