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Excellency

It will be recalled that on 25 September 2013 the Permanent Mission of the African Union sent out a notification of a Joint Meeting of the Incoming and Outgoing Bureau of the African Group of Ambassadors to be held at 15h00 on Wednesday, 2 October 2013. This was subsequent to the aborted meeting of the same Joint Bureau Meeting that was convened for 6 September 2013 and which could not quorate.

You will further recall, Excellency, that at our last Plenary meeting of the African Group of Ambassadors held on 11 September 2013, some expressed the view that more frequent meetings should be convened to make the group a dynamic forum. In this regard, it was very disappointing to note the poor turn out from the members of the Bureau on 2 October 2013, which once again resulted in the said meeting having to be cancelled. Those Ambassadors and Representatives who attended are commended for their commitment to the work of the African Group.

Excellency, if we are to take ourselves and our work seriously then let us agree that if any Ambassador is unavailable to attend personally, then an official will be delegated to attend on behalf of the Ambassador. It should further be a standard diplomatic courtesy for us to be punctual as well as to tender apologies in advance if it is not possible for any participation by the Embassy in the activities of the African Group. This would allow for the Permanent Mission of the AU to advise the Chair of the Group in advance of whether a quorum has been reached to hold the meeting.

This is therefore an appeal to all of us to please avail ourselves to participate fully in all fora and platforms of the African Union where we can consolidate and advance African interests. **In this regard, the Joint Bureau shall meet over a Working Lunch on the margins of the AU Workshop on EPAs scheduled for 4 October 2013 at the Bloom Hotel.**

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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