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A Joint Delegation to be urgently dispatched to Burkina Faso

Addis Ababa, 30 October 2014: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, has expressed deep concern about the unfolding situation in Burkina Faso and is following its evolution very closely. She has called for calm and utmost restraint from all the parties concerned.

She urges the Burkinabe political actors and people to refrain from all acts of violence and act in the supreme interest of their country.

The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union has urgently dispatched a High-Level Team that will form part of a Joint Delegation comprising the AU, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the United Nations (UN) to Burkina Faso to consult with all the Burkinabe stakeholders. In this regard, the Chairperson appeals to the Burkinabe authorities to facilitate the visit of the Joint Delegation.

The Chairperson assures the people of Burkina Faso of the unflinching support of the AU, as they look for political solutions to the current difficulties facing their country.

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