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## COMMUNIQUÉ

### THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OF EGYPT

**Addis Ababa, 30 June 2015:** The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, has learnt with shock of the terrorist attack that killed Egypt's Public Prosecutor, Mr. Hisham Barakat, in Cairo, on 29 June 2015. She strongly condemns this cowardly attack, which cannot be justified under any circumstances, expresses the AU's condolences to the bereaved family and wishes speedy recovery to the injured. She also conveys the AU's solidarity with the Government and people of Egypt.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the AU's total rejection of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. She calls for renewed efforts to prevent and combat terrorism and violent extremism, within the framework of the relevant AU and international instruments.

The Chairperson of the Commission stresses the AU's continued commitment to work with Member States and the larger international community, in order to more effectively address the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa. In this respect, the Commission will spare no efforts towards the implementation of the AU counter-terrorism framework.

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