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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

**Addis Ababa, 22 March 2016:** The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, strongly condemns the despicable attacks at the Zaventem airport and the central metro station in Brussels, claiming dozens of lives of innocent civilians and leaving scores wounded.

The Chairperson of the Commission expresses the African Union's solidarity with the Government and people of Belgium, offers her condolences to the bereaved families and wishes speedy recovery to the wounded.

The Chairperson of the Commission reaffirms the AU's strong rejection of all acts of terrorism and violent extremism by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes. She reiterates the AU's commitment to continue working with Belgium, and the other members of the European Union, and the international community at large, in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism. In this regard, she stresses the need for enhanced international cooperation within the framework of the relevant AU and international counter-terrorism instruments.

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