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THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN CAMEROON

Addis Ababa, 14 January 2016: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, deplores the suicide bomb attack that took place at a mosque in Kouyape Cameroon's northern region in the morning of 13 January 2016, resulting into 13 deaths, including the suicide bomber, and one wounded.

The Chairperson strongly condemns such senseless attacks against innocent civilians and expresses deep sympathy to the families of the victims and wishes speedy recovery to the injured. She also expresses the AU's solidarity with the people and Government of the Republic of Cameroon and thanks the Cameroonian Government for its continued efforts to combat terrorism, especially the Boko Haram terrorist group that has pledged allegiance to the so-called Islamic State (IS).

The Chairperson reiterates the AU's continued commitment, through the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) established by the Member States of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) and Benin to eliminate Boko Haram, to neutralize this terrorist group. She recalls that at its 560th meeting, on the ongoing efforts to neutralize Boko Haram, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 26 November 2015, the Peace and Security Council commended the LCBC Member States and Benin for their continued efforts to fully operationalize the MNJTF. She calls for stronger global cooperation in the efforts to prevent and combat terrorism, in line with various AU and global instruments.

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