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**CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE SITUATION IN
GUINEA-BISSAU**

Addis Ababa, 12 May 2016: The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, is following closely the developments in Guinea-Bissau. She expresses her deep concern about the implications of the decision taken by the President of the Republic on 12 May 2016, to dismiss the Government.

The Chairperson reiterates that only a genuine and inclusive dialogue, based on the respect of the country's Constitution, will enable the Guinea-Bissau stakeholders to find a consensual solution to the crisis facing their country, and create necessary conditions to consolidate peace and stability, as well as enable post-conflict reconstruction.

The Chairperson calls all the Guinea-Bissau political actors to exercise restraint, uphold the country's interest and preserve peace and stability of the country. She reiterates the determination of the AU to stand by the people of Guinea-Bissau and its readiness to support any genuine efforts to promote dialogue towards a peaceful solution to the crisis.

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