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Press Release

THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN NIGERIA

Addis Ababa, 1 February 2016: The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, strongly condemns the terrorist attack on a village near Maiduguri, in north eastern Nigeria, on Saturday, 30 January 2015, by elements of the Boko Haram terrorist group, which left at least 65 people dead and 136 injured.

The Chairperson of the Commission expresses AU's solidarity with the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. She pays her condolences to the bereaved families and wishes speedy recovery to all the injured.

She reiterates the AU's determination, through the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) that was established by the Member States of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) and Benin to eliminate the Boko Haram terrorist group. She commends the (MNJTF) for its relentless efforts in the fight against the Boko Haram terrorist group and calls for stronger global cooperation in the efforts to prevent and combat terrorism, in line with various AU and international instruments

The Chairperson reiterates the appeal made by the AU Peace and Security Council, at its 571st meeting held at the level of Heads of States and Government on 29 January 2016, for AU Member States and international partners to sustain their collective efforts towards effective combatting of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa, while addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of this phenomena.

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