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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **AMISOM Condemns Suicide Car Bomb Attack on the SYL Hotel in Mogadishu**

**Mogadishu, January 22, 2015** - The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia (SRCC) and Head of AMISOM, Ambassador Maman S. Sidikou, strongly condemns the suicide car bomb attack on the SYL Hotel this afternoon in Mogadishu.

The SRCC extends his deepest condolences to the families of the brave police officers that lost their lives defending their fellow countrymen.

“This is clearly a desperate and failed attempt to frustrate growing peace, stability, unity in governance and economic activities currently taking center stage in Mogadishu and Somalia as whole, and that their attempts are in vain because Somalia cannot turn back. With this attack, Al-Shabaab has demonstrated once again that it has no interest in Somalia’s positive development and the improved welfare of its people,” Ambassador Sidikou said.

The SRCC urges the people of Somalia, the international community and all friends of Somalia to not to be deterred by these extremists, whose cowardly attempts to create fear and perpetuate violence are doomed to fail.

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