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COMMISSIONER FOR PEACE AND SECURITY, AMB. SMAIL CHERGUI, MET WITH AMB. NEVEN MIMICA, EU COMMISSIONER FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Addis Ababa, 18 July 2015: The African Union (AU) Commissioner for Peace and Security, Amb. Smail Chergui, met with the EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Amb. Neven Mimica on Thursday, 16 July 2015, at the African Union Headquarters. The EU Commissioner was in Addis Abeba to attend the Financing for Development Conference.

Thanking the AU Commissioner for Peace and Security for availing time to meet with the EU Delegation, Commissioner Neven Mimica reiterated the continued EU Support to the African Union Peace and Security Agenda despite the pressure on financial resources within the Union. More specifically the EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, announced the approval of an envelope of €150 Million to the Africa Peace Facility (APF) until the end of 2016, as well as EU support to AMISOM; the Multinational Joint Task Force (MJTF) for the eradication of Boko Haram; and to the stabilization efforts in Guinea Bissau. Commissioner Mimica further expressed the EU readiness to advocate for increased bilateral support from EU member states to the AU to supplement dwindling EU funding.

Commissioner Chergui in turn thanked the EU Commissioner for the EU's efforts and commitment to Africa amid the current financial challenges faced by the EU. He indicated in this regard, that member states, aware of the limited resources, have been actively considering ways to mobilize alternative sources of funds to respond to the needs of the continent and ensure sustainability and predictability of resources. He further noted that the constraint faced by the EU was coming at a time when the AU had improved its response to security challenges and needed sustainable funding to upscale its response to common challenges and threats including terrorism.

The meeting provided an opportunity to review the situation in Somalia, Mali, Guinea Bissau, Burkina Faso, South Sudan and Burundi. In this regard, Commissioner Mimica stated the EU commitment for sustained consultation and coordination with the AU in aligning and synchronizing response to current crisis on the continent.

In closing the meeting the two Commissioners agreed to pursue the dialogue and ongoing cooperation.

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