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THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACK THAT TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY IN CAMEROON

Addis Ababa, 14 July 2015: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, strongly condemns the terrorist attack perpetrated yesterday in Fotokol, northern Cameroon, causing the death of more than a dozen people and wounding several others. She expresses the AU's full solidarity with the people and Government of Cameroon, conveys her condolences to the bereaved families and wishes speedy recovery to all the injured.

The Chairperson of the Commission stresses that this terrorist act and the attacks perpetrated recently in Chad, Niger and Nigeria, are a tragic illustration of the fact that in spite of the significant progress made in the fight against the Boko Haram terrorist group, there are still many challenges to be addressed. In this context, the Chairperson of the Commission encourages the member countries of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) and Benin to strengthen their efforts aimed at fully operationalizing the Multinational Joint Task Force joint (MNJTF) mandated to eliminate the Boko Haram terrorist group. She reaffirms the AU's commitment to continue working closely with the countries of the region to attain the agreed objectives, and assures them of the AU's continued solidarity.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the AU's call to the other Member States and to the international partners to provide all the necessary financial and logistical assistance in support of the efforts of the countries of the region. More generally, she, once again, emphasizes the need for all Member States to make renewed efforts to address the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa. In this regard, particular emphasis should be placed on the signature and ratification of the relevant AU instruments by the countries that have not yet done so, as well as on the effective implementation of measures contained therein, including exchange of information and intelligence and operational coordination.

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