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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE AFRICAN UNION WELCOMES THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES OF THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE SOUTH SUDAN PEACE AGREEMENT**

**Addis Ababa, 3 November 2015:** The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, welcomes the agreement reached by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army In Opposition (SPLMA/IO) and the SPLM Leaders (Former Detainees) with respect to the implementation of the security arrangements of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan. The Parties also agreed on the deployment of a Joint Integrated Police for the security of Juba, as well as of other locations, namely Bor, Malakal and Bentui. The Chairperson of the Commission commends the Team of IGAD Special Envoys, namely Ambassador Seyoum Mesfin, General Lazaro Sumbeiywo and General Mohamed El-dabi, for their efforts and commitment in assisting the South Sudanese stakeholders achieve lasting peace in their country.

The Chairperson of the Commission looks forward to the faithful implementation of the commitments made by the South Sudanese stakeholders, in order to pave the way for the early establishment of the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU).

The Chairperson of the Commission also welcomes the appointment, by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), on 2 November 2015, of Major General Molla Hailemariam as the Chairperson of the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM). She calls on the parties to urgently appoint their nominees to the CTSAMM and to extend full cooperation to General Hailemariam.