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THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE ATTACK ON PEACEKEEPERS IN DARFUR

Addis Ababa, 4 October 2012: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Jean Ping, strongly condemns the attack against a patrol of peacekeepers of the African Union – United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) in the evening of 2 October 2012, in El Geneina, West Darfur. The ambush by unidentified armed men led to the death of four Nigerian peacekeepers, while eight others sustained injuries.

The Chairperson of the Commission presents the AU's heartfelt condolences to the Government and the people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the families of the deceased peacekeepers and UNAMID.

The Chairperson of the Commission calls on the Government of Sudan to spare no efforts in identifying the perpetrators of this cowardly attack and bringing them to justice swiftly.

