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AFRICAN UNION CONDEMNS ATTACK ON AMISOM PERSONNEL

Addis Ababa, 2 August 2017: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat condemns in the strongest terms the attack perpetrated on 30 July 2017 by Al Shaabab militants against AMISOM personnel, which led to a number of casualties. The troops were escorting supplies in the Bulamereer district, 140 km southwest of Mogadishu.

“We are united in grief with the families of the fallen soldiers, the people and Government of Uganda for the loss of the brave troops who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of, and support to a fellow African nation in combatting terrorism. We wish the injured a speedy and full recovery,” the Chairperson said.

The Chairperson reiterates that AMISOM’s presence in Somalia has facilitated the peaceful conclusion of two political transitions, the formation of federal member states, and the broader extension of state authority and services in the country, in addition to providing the necessary security and protection of delivery of humanitarian assistance to the needy population.

The Chairperson reassures the people and Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia that the AU remains committed to working with the Somalia National Security Forces to further consolidate security in the country in line with the 16 April 2017 Agreement on a National Security Architecture.