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Press Release

Chairperson of the African Union Commission strongly condemns the terrorist attacks in Pakistan

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 28 March 2016: The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, strongly condemns the indiscriminate attacks at the Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park in Lahore, Pakistan, as Christians were celebrating Easter, which reportedly killed at least 70 people and injured over 300 others.

The Chairperson expresses the AU's solidarity with the Government and people of Pakistan, offers her condolences to the bereaved families and wishes speedy recovery to the injured.

The Chairperson reaffirms the AU's strong rejection of all acts of terrorism and violent extremism by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes. She reiterates the AU's commitment to continue working with Pakistan and the international community at large, in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

The Chairperson also reiterates the need for enhanced international cooperation and coordination within the framework of the relevant AU and international counter-terrorism instruments.