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PRESS RELEASE

The Chairperson of the Commission appoints Mr. Edem Kodjo as facilitator for the national dialogue in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Addis Ababa, 6 April 2016 : The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, has appointed Mr. Edem Kodjo, Former Prime Minister of Togo and Former Secretary- General of the OAU, as the Facilitator for the national dialogue in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

The appointment of Mr. Edem Kodjo aims at assisting in convening an all-inclusive dialogue in order to address issues related to the upcoming elections in that country.

This appointment is in line with the commitment underlined in the joint Communiqué of the African Union, the United Nations (UN), the European Union (EU) and the International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF) of 16 February 2016 to continue to assist the Democratic Republic of Congo in this endeavour.

The Chairperson of the Commission calls on all Congolese stakeholders to extend full cooperation to the Facilitator for the successfully discharge of his mandate in the best interest of the DRC.