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PRESS RELEASE

Namibia donates \$ 500,000 to Support the African-led International Support Mission to the Central African Republic (MISCA)

Addis Ababa, 13 March 2014: The African Union (AU) has today received a contribution worth \$ USD 500,000 (five-hundred thousand dollars) from the Republic of Namibia to the Peace Fund to support the financing of the African-led International Support Mission to the Central African Republic (MISCA).

The Handover Ceremony took place at the African Union Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and was presided over by the AU Commissioner for Peace and Security, Ambassador Smail Chergui, and Mrs. Anne Mamakau Mutelo, Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Chergui, said, "this ceremony marks the step towards the realization of the vision by African leaders to further the spirit and value of solidarity between African countries in accordance with the motto «Africa helping Africa». He seize this occasion to salute and appreciate this important gesture of Namibia in support of peace and security in the continent.

The pledge was made in response to the request by AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) at its 413th meeting held on 16 January 2014, for the AU Member States to mobilize adequate support for the MISCA to help resolve the multidimensional crisis in the Central African Republic (CAR). Namibia responded to this appeal during the Donors' Conference held in Addis Ababa, on 1 February 2014.

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