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PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Chergui receives Ambassadors of Russia and Norway, who reiterate their countries' support to AU efforts to fight Terrorism

Addis Ababa, 12 September 2014: The African Union (AU) Commissioner for Peace and Security, Amb. Smail Chergui, received today in separate meetings at AU Headquarters, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Amb. Vsevolod Tkachenko, and the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway, Amb. Andreas Gaarder. The Commissioner and the Ambassadors exchanged views on several current peace and security issues in Africa, including the conflicts in South Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR) and the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

They also discussed the outcomes of the AU Peace and Security Council meeting at the level of Heads of State and Government, which took place in Nairobi, Kenya on 2 September 2014. In that regard, both diplomats pledged the full support of their respective nations to the AU's efforts to fight terrorism in the Continent and emphasized that the scourge of terrorism, in all its forms, is an impediment to the economic and social development of Africa, and must therefore be eliminated.

Commissioner Chergui seized the opportunity to reiterate the AU's profound appreciation to the Governments and Peoples of Russia and Norway for their friendship and fruitful partnership in the quest for peace, security and stability in Africa.

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