

**PRESS RELEASE NO. 01/2005****SIRTE READY TO HOST THE AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT**

Sirte, a fast growing city about 400 km east of Tripoli in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is ready to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union scheduled from July 4 to 5, 2005. The Summit is preceded by the 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC).

The PRC covering a wide range of agenda items among which are social, economic, administrative, legal and financial matters, opened its deliberations on June 21 in Addis Ababa and continued in Sirte where, on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2005, it adopted its report and made recommendations to the Executive Council for further consideration and approval.

Issues examined by the PRC ranged from consideration of the reports of various Ministerial Conferences such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU Ministers of Trade and the issue of an African Passport discussed under Ministerial Conference on Immigration, to progress on the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality. Other items discussed were the status of OAU/AU Treaties and implementation of the project for the creation of a Unified Telecommunication Numbering Space for Africa. The issue of African Common Position on the Review of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as well as that related to the Migration Policy Framework for Africa also were featured.

Items proposed by Member States and agenda related to Peace and Security and report on UN Reforms were submitted to the Executive Council for consideration and decision making.

**Sirte, Libya Arab Jamahiriya,  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2005**