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PRESS RELEASE

THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION EXPRESSES ITS SYMPATHY TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOLLOWING THE FLASH FLOODS IN AND AROUND DIRE DAWA

The Commission of the African Union has learnt with deep sorrow the occurrence of flash floods in and around the town of Dire Dawa and the loss of several hundreds of lives, as well as the destruction of property, as a result of flooding along the Dechatu River.

The Commission wishes to express its sympathy to the Government and people of Ethiopia, and in particular the bereaved families.

The Commission appeals to the Member States and the larger international community to extend whatever humanitarian assistance they can offer to support Ethiopia during this difficult period.

Addis Ababa, 7 August 2006