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The Commission of the African Union presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations and Regional Cooperation of all AU Member States and has the honour to inform the latter that the Third Ordinary Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 9 to 13 April 2007 on the theme: “*Strengthening of Health Systems for Equity and Development*”. The issues to be discussed will health systems, Malaria Eradication, Traditional Medicine and Violence Prevention. The main outcome of the Conference will be the Africa Health Strategy and a Declaration on Health System Strengthening in Africa for Equity and Development. The Conference will be organized as follows:

April 9, 2007: Meeting of Experts, to finalise working documents and other preparations for the Minister’s Meeting;

April 10-13, 2007: Minister’s Meeting which will culminate in the adoption of the Africa Health Strategy (2007-2015).

More information will be posted and regularly updated on the AU Website: www.africa-union.org. The South African Department of Health will also have a website dedicated to this conference.

Confirmation of participation and further information on the Conference can be obtained from:

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Such information can also be obtained from the host government through the Conference focal point who can be contacted on the following address:

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Delegates are advised to register and book accommodation on line and ensure that their yellow fever vaccination is valid. Delegates are further advised to obtain visas in advance if they reside in a country with a South African Embassy. Delegates from countries that do not have a South African Embassy will get their visas at the port of entry upon presentation of the invitation letter.

The Commission of the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations and Regional Cooperation of all AU Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, December 18, 2006

**To: The Ministries of Foreign Affairs/ External Relations
And Regional Cooperation
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cc: - The Ministries of Health
AU Member States

- All Embassies of AU Member States
Addis Ababa