



THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION WELCOMES THE CONFIRMATION OF THE NEW SOMALI PRIME MINISTER

Addis Ababa, 1st November 2010: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Jean Ping, welcomes the endorsement by the Transitional Federal Parliament (TFP) of Somalia of the appointment of the country's new Prime Minister, Mohammed Abdullahi Mohammed. He also congratulates the new Prime Minister and wishes him success in his mission.

The Chairperson of the Commission expresses the hope that an efficient and representative Cabinet will be appointed and endorsed very soon to enable the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) to focus on the transitional tasks, building on and consolidating the momentum generated by the decisions adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the AU on 15 October 2010 and the renewed mobilization of the international community. He calls on the Somali stakeholders to demonstrate maturity and leadership in order to overcome the many challenges facing their country.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the AU's continued commitment to support the Transitional Federal Government and the people of Somalia in their efforts to bring to a definite end the conflict and violence that have been tearing their country apart for two decades.