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## PRESS RELEASE

### The African Union calls for an immediate peaceful solution to the Ivorian crisis

**Addis Ababa, 27 December 2010:** Within the framework of the mandate entrusted to its Chairperson by the Peace and Security Council (PSC), the Commission of the African Union (AU) is fully engaged in a series of contacts and diplomatic consultations aimed at achieving an immediate peaceful solution to the Ivorian crisis.

In this context, the Chairperson of the Commission, Dr. Jean Ping, expresses his support to the mission that will be undertaken to Abidjan by the three eminent Heads of State designated by the Extraordinary Session of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, and hopes that this mission will trigger a salutary dynamic capable of preserving the democratic gains in Côte d'Ivoire, in particular respect for the expressed will of the Ivorian people and the status of the President-elect, Mr. Alassane OUATTARA, as well as peace in this country shattered by fratricidal strife.

In this spirit, the Chairperson of the Commission has requested H.E Mr. Raila Odinga, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, to follow through the situation in Côte d'Ivoire and to strengthen the chances of success of the current efforts.