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Press Release

**THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION STRONGLY
CONDEMNS THE DEADLY CAR BOMBINGS IN ABUJA, NIGERIA, ON 1
OCTOBER 2010**

Addis Ababa, 2 October 2010: The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Jean Ping, strongly condemns the car bombings in Abuja, Nigeria, on 1 October 2010, near the venue of the National Day Parade to mark the 50th anniversary of the independence of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which resulted in several fatalities, injuries and wanton destruction of property.

The Chairperson extends his profound and most sincere condolences to the victims' families and the people and Government of Nigeria, and wishes to assure them of the support and solidarity of the AU and the entire African continent. The Chairperson wishes the injured persons a speedy and complete recovery, and trusts that the cowardly perpetrators of these heinous acts will be apprehended and brought to justice.

The Chairperson, who personally witnessed the 50th anniversary National Day Parade in Abuja, alongside several African Heads of State and Government and Foreign Dignitaries, wishes to extend his appreciation to the people and Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for their support and commitment to peace across the continent, as evidenced in Nigeria's participation in peace support operations in Africa and elsewhere in the world.