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THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE ATTEMPTED TERRORIST ATTACK IN MAURITANIA

Addis Ababa, 3 February 2011: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Jean Ping, strongly condemns the recently attempted terrorist attack in Nouakchott which was successfully foiled and could have caused carnage.

The Chairperson of the Commission congratulates the Mauritanian authorities for their vigilance and action that have made it possible to prevent a catastrophe, and reiterates AU's support to Mauritania and other Member States in their efforts to deal effectively with terrorism.

This cowardly and criminal attempt demonstrates, once again, the need for sustained and coordinated efforts among African States, within the framework of relevant AU instruments, to prevent and combat the scourge of terrorism. The AU Commission reiterates its determination to spare no effort in enhancing the effectiveness of counter-terrorism cooperation across the continent.