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The African Union *ad hoc* High-Level Committee on Libya convenes its second meeting in Addis Ababa

THE COMMITTEE INTERACTED WITH A DELEGATION OF THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT

Addis Ababa, 25 March 2011: As part of the follow-up to the communiqué of the meeting of the AU High-Level *ad hoc* Committee on Libya, in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on 19 March 2011, the *ad hoc* Committee convened its second meeting in Addis Ababa, on 25 March 2011, at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in line with the relevant provisions of the Peace and Security Council communiqué of 10 March 2011.

It is to be recalled that, during its Nouakchott meeting, the *ad hoc* Committee extended invitations to the Libyan authorities and to the National Transitional Council (NTC) of Libya to take part in a consultation in Addis Ababa. While the representatives of the Libyan Government attended the meeting, the members of the NTC were unable to do so.

In the course of its Addis Ababa meeting, the *ad hoc* Committee met with those representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and interacted with them on the AU Roadmap for a political solution to the crisis in Libya, as articulated in paragraph 5 of the Nouakchott communiqué of 19 March 2011.

In this regard, they formally reiterated the unconditional acceptance of the Roadmap by the Libyan Government. They further stressed the commitment of the Libyan authorities to a credible and effective cease-fire and, to that effect, their readiness to facilitate the establishment and deployment of a monitoring and verification mechanism. The delegation also expressed the readiness of the Libyan Government to implement the other aspects of the AU Roadmap, including the adoption and implementation, in a peaceful and democratic manner, of political reforms that meet the aspirations of the Libyan people. The *ad hoc* Committee took note of the position thus expressed by the Libyan Government delegation, and assured it of its continued engagement.

The Committee reiterates its willingness to take steps to engage the NTC, on the basis of the AU Roadmap, with particular and urgent focus on the cessation of hostilities.

In conclusion, the Ministers exchanged views on the next steps to be taken in implementation of the *ad hoc* Committee's mandate and, in this regard, agreed on the early undertaking of the planned visit of the *ad hoc* Committee to Libya, at the level of Heads of State.