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from: European Commission

Subject: Requests of the African Union Commission to replenish the African Peace Facility (€ 100 million) and to transfer residual funds under the APF Three Year Action Programme 2008-2010 to the APF Three Year Action Programme 2011-2013 (€ 26,2 million)

Delegations will find in Annex, for information, copy of two letters from the African Union Commission.

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 Addis Ababa, 12 April 2012

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Dear Mr. Mosca,

RE: REQUEST FOR REPLENISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN PEACE FACILITY (APF)

In its Note Verbale of 10 November 2011, the AUC requested the European Commission to provide €67,000,000 to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) for the period of 1 February – 31 July 2012 (AMISOM VII). This funding was requested to meet the needs of AMISOM which are not covered by the UN logistical support package nor by the UN AMISOM Trust Fund.

Based on the utilization of the Peace Support Operations (PSO) envelope of the €300 million APF EDF X package so far and considering the EU commitment to continue supporting AMISOM operations in Somalia in 2012 and beyond, it has come to our attention that currently, there are no sufficient funds in the APF PSO envelope to support AMISOM operations for the envisaged period.

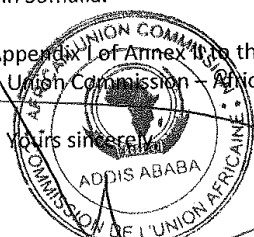
Full financing of AMISOM operations is however deemed essential, particularly now that a progressive scale up of the operation from 12,000 to 17,731 troops during 2012 was approved by the UNSC Resolution 2036 adopted on 22 February 2012, generating extra costs for the operation. The AUC therefore requests for the replenishment of the APF by reallocating an amount of €100 million from the general reserves of the 10th EDF to the Peace Support operations envelope of the APF. K

This request is predicated on the need to sustain the achievements made by AMISOM and the TFG Forces over the past months and in line EU's comprehensive and long term approach to support security and development efforts in Somalia.

The request is made in line with Appendix I of Annex 1 to the Financing Agreement between the European Commission and the African Union Commission - African Peace Facility EDF X.

Yours sincerely,

El Ghassim Wane
 Director, Peace and Security



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Dear Mrs. Mosca

I refer to the Financing Agreement for the African Peace Facility (APF) signed on 2 February 2009 between the African Union and the European Commission aimed at supporting peace, stability and security in Africa and providing the basis for long-term sustainable development.

It has come to our attention that an amount of approximately €26,200,000 has remained uncommitted in the APF 3 Year Action Programme 2008-2010 following the expiry of the deadline for contracting on 2 February, 2012. These funds were allocated to the following components within the APF3 Year Action Programme 2008-2010:

- Peace Support Operations-estimated balance €9,000,000;
- Capacity Building-estimated balance €11,400,000; and
- Contingencies-estimated balance €5,800,00.

In consideration of the increased funding requirements of activities funded through the African Peace Facility and in view of the possibility within the 10th EDF procedures to recommit the residual funds to the current APF3 Year Action Programme 2011-2013, the AUC would like to request the EC to proceed with the recommitment of these funds.

The AUC would like to propose that the residual funds under the 3 Year Action Programme 2008-2010 are reallocated to the same components of the APF 3 Year Action Programme 2011-2013.

I want to thank you once again for the collaboration and support we have always received from you and your services.

I thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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