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European Union welcomed the election of first female leader of the African Union elected during the 19th Ordinary Session of the AU Summit. During the Summit the European Union was represented by Mr. Nick Westcott, Managing Director for Africa in the European External Action Service (EEAS) and Ms. Francesca Mosca European Commission Director for Cooperation for Sub Saharan Africa & ACP

On the Congratulation message released by European Commission President Barroso on the election of Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma as the first female Chairperson of the African Union Commission on July 17, 2012 said "I would like to congratulate Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma for her election as the first female Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

In recent years, the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, a partnership of equals, has grown ever stronger across a wide range of areas such as Peace and Security, Democracy and Human Rights, Trade and Infrastructure, Climate Change and Environment, and economic and social development across the board.

I look forward to further reinforcing our partnership with the African Union Commission under the leadership of Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly thank outgoing Chairperson, Dr Jean Ping, for his outstanding work in taking the AU forward over the past four years, and extend my best wishes to him for the future."

On the sidelines of the AU summit, Mr Nick Westcott met UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson, Hailemariam Desalegn Deputy Prime Minster of Ethiopia and participated in the 4th Ordinary session of IGAD council of Ministers and the AU Executive council meeting.

Ms. Francesca Mosca in her meeting with AU Peace and Security Commissioner Ramtane Lamamra discussed the current security concerns of parts of Africa and the way Africa-EU partnership can support in resolving it.

Ms. Mosca also held a meeting with the Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC) and Chairman of the Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee (IRCC), Dr Richard Sezibera, on current cooperation programmers and future perspectives for EU – EAC and IRCC cooperation.

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Mohamed Sidati	Polisario	Member of National Board	Western Sahara	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Si Afif Abdelhamid	FLN	International Secretary	Algeria	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Mohammed Benabdelkader	USFP		Morocco	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Abderrahman Lamrani	USFP		Morocco	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
El Moussaoui El Ajlaoui	USFP		Morocco	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
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Khalid Chegraoui	SDP		Denmark	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Steen Christensen	PASOK	International Secretary	Greece	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Paulina Lampsa	PASOK	International Secretary	Greece	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Konstantinos Foutzopoulos		Samuel Conoral	- Orecto	28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Luis Ayala	SI	Secretary General		28-Jul	22:55	TP213
Sophie Weidenbach	SI	Secretariat	Senegal	29-Jul	20:00	DN49
Ousmane Tanor Dieng	PS	Party leader	Senegal	29-Jul	20:00	DN49
Jacques Baudin	PS		Mauritania	29-Jul	20:00	DN49
Ahmed Ould Daddah	RFD	Party leader		29-Jul	20:00	DN49
Ould Lafdal Ahmed	RFD		Mauritania	29-Jul	20:00	DN49
Mahandh Mohamed	RFD		Mauritania			DN49
William Munyembabazi	CNDD	Secretary General	Burundi	29-Jul	20:00	-
Daniel Bouka Mbadinga	PGP	National Secretary	Gabon	29-Jul	11:25	or20:00
Ben Amathila	SWAPO	Member of Parliament	Namibia	29-Jul	20:40	DT0502
Manuel Pedro Chaves	MPLA	Dir. International Department	Angola	29-Jul	20:40	DT0502
João dos Santos Neto	MPLA		Angola	29-Jul	_	DT0502
Saleh Kebzabo	UNDR		Chad	29-Jul		VR706
Bonaventure Mbaya	CC	Party leader	Burundi	29-Jul		DT502
Samba Joseph Ludovic	CC		Burundi	29-Jul	-	_
Léonard She Okitundu	CC		Burundi	29-Jul		-
Théophile Mbemba	CC		Burundi	29-Jul	21:41	DT502

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Carlos Gomes Júnior	PAIGC	Prime Minister	Guinea-bissau	25 50.		
Ebrahim Ebrahim	ANC	Deputy Minister International Relations and Co-operation	South Africa	30-Jul	08:40	DN 49
Wynter M. Kabimba	PF	Secretary General	Zambia			
Situla S. Sikwindi	PF		Zambia			
Muhamed Seif Khatib	CCM	Member Executive Committee	Tanzania			
Nyakia Ally Chirukile	CCM		Tanzania			
Friedrich Kramme	SPD		Germany			_
Alkassoum Indatou	PNDS		Niger			
Tayabou Issoufou	PNDS		Niger			_
Alcino de Barros Pinto	MLSTP- PSD	Vice President	Sao Tomé y Principe			
Ana Isabel Meira Rita	MLSTP- PSD	Vice President	Sao Tomé y Principe			
Johnson Asiedu Nketiah	NDC	Secretary General	Ghana			-
Kofi Attor	NDC		Ghana			-
Mamadi Camara	RPG		Guinea			