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LIAISON CONTACT REPORT

Liaison Contact	L670	
SASS Member/s Involved	Head of Station	
Unit	NF22/2	
Date of Contact	22 October 2012	
Place of Contact	Sheraton Hotel	
FIS Member/s	NISS Head of Security	
FIS Members Positions	NISS Head of Security	
Type of Contact	Operational	X
	Social	
	Telephonic	
	Other (Specify)	
SSA Requested Contact	Yes:	No: X
Documents: a. Requested	None	
b. Exchanged	None	

1. Background

The National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) Head of Security has been providing the protection service to the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) since her arrival on the 13 October 2012. The NISS Head of Security requested a meeting with the Head of Station regarding the protection service to the Chairperson of the AUC.

2. The Discussion on Protection Service and Personal Safety

a. The Chairperson of the AUC

The NISS Head of Security indicated that the security personnel of the AUC has voiced its displeasure to the current situation where the Chairperson personal protection is rendered by NISS. It is therefore in the opinion of NISS that the matter should be addressed by the Commission and make a determination on whether the service by NISS should continue or be terminated. The concern of NISS is that the Chairperson is still residing in a public place, the Sheraton Hotel and that requires professional protection service which the Safety and Security Division of the AUC lacks. The NISS Head of Security pointed out that the service was provided because of the request from the Head of Station during the discussions on the environment in the region.

On this matter the Head of Station requested that the protection team that is with the Chairperson of the AUC be kept in place and not be withdrawn until consultation is carried out with the Chairperson through the Ambassador of South Africa to the African Union (AU).

b. The African Union High Implementation Panel (AUHIP)

The NISS Head of Security indicated that the issue of the Republics of Sudan (RoS) and South Sudan (RSS) is becoming sensitive in the both countries. In this regard he raised the NISS security concern on the Chairperson of the AUHIP whilst in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) to facilitate resolution of the outstanding issues between the RoS

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and RSS. He then requested that the Head of Station provides all times the following information:

- i. Chairperson of the AUHIP arrival and departure schedules;
- ii. Size of the entourage;
- iii. Meetings and the people he will be meeting;
- iv. Time and place of the meetings; and
- v. In addition NISS would want to provide armed protection for the Chairperson of the AUHIP

3. Conclusion

The NISS Head of Security did not provide elaborate explanation of the beef-up on the security and protection of the Chairpersons of AUC and AUHIP except to indicate that AU is a target of Al-Shabaab and there is vulnerability of recruitment of the AU personnel by Al-Shabaab.

On the latter Chairperson the indication was on the sensitivity of the stage of the issues that the AUHIP is facilitating.

The Station requests approval on the responsibilities that it will have to undertake with regard to the matters raised.

- ### 4. Thank you.
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