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AU Special Representative reaffirms AMISOM's continued support to the Somali National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA)

Mogadishu-January 7th, 2013; The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC) for Somalia, Ambassador Mahamat Annadif has congratulated President Hassan Sheikh Mahamoud, his government and the people of Somalia on the occasion of the 41st anniversary of the National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA) and the re-opening of its headquarters.

Ambassador Annadif said the re-opening of NISA headquarters symbolises the re-building of state institutions which had been destroyed by two decades of fighting. He pays tribute to the National Intelligence and Security Agency for being a key security instrument in the search for sustainable peace and security particularly in the fight against extremism in the country.

He said; "The National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA) has played a significant role in fighting terrorists and its efforts are clearly bearing fruits. I therefore wish to reaffirm AMISOM's continued commitment to working with NISA as Somalia moves to stabilise the country and rebuild its institutions."

The AU Special Representative applauded the Somali National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA) for being a reliable partner to AMISOM since the deployment of the first AU contingent.

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