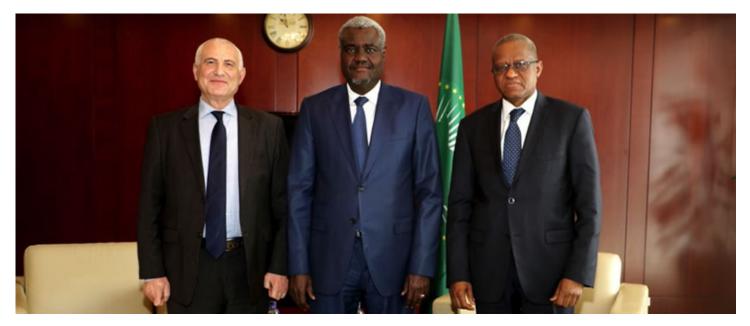


OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE GREAT LAKES REGION

SPECIAL ENVOY DJINNIT AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SIDIKOU PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT MEETING ON THE DRC IN ADDIS ABABA



On 9 November 2017, United Nations Special Envoy for Africa's Great Lakes region Said Djinnit, and Special Representative Maman Sidikou, the Head of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), met with representatives of the African Union (AU) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They held consultations with the AU Commission Chairperson and the Commissioner for Peace and Security. Their discussions focused on the political and security situation in the DRC and avenues for enhanced coordination in support of the electoral process in the country. In a joint communique issued on 9 November, they reiterated their call on the Congolese authorities and all relevant institutions to take the necessary measures to ensure security, sufficient resources and the legal framework needed for the holding of free and fair elections in the DRC.