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**Message of the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, on the celebration of Ethiopian New Year - 2014 (11 September 2021).**

Dear colleagues,

As we join our gracious host, the Government and people of Ethiopia, to celebrate this day, allow me to wish you and your families a Happy Ethiopian New Year - 2014.

Indeed, having spent almost six months in office, engaging with some of the best talents on the continent, assures me that together, we will continue to advance good governance, peace and security in Africa, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and other unprecedented issues.

As we forge ahead to deliver as one, we will persist in exploring ways of maximizing our assets and building effective teams to implement our vision for a more democratic, peaceful and stable Africa.

May this day provide for us all, the opportunity to renew, refocus and recommit ourselves towards building a better Africa.

I wish you all a pleasant celebration and count on your total commitment as we work together with our esteemed Member States to implement and deliver on the aspirations of Agenda 2063 - "The Africa We Want".

Happy New Year to One and All!!!

Melkam Addis Amet!