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The Commission of the African Union (AU) presents its compliments to the **Secretariat of African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA)**, and has the honour to inform the esteemed Secretariat of a joint **AU/UN African Standby Force (ASF) Training Implementation Workshop** scheduled from **30 October – 1 November 2007**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to be attended by the representatives of the African Union Commission and the RECs/Regions. The aim of the workshop would be to finalise the Interim ASF Training Plan and source funds for the major ASF training activities leading to the operationalization of the ASF by 2010.

In view of the useful role of APSTA members as peace support operations training delivery partners, the Commission wishes to solicit APSTA's participation in the workshop. The Commission would therefore be grateful if one representative from each of the following institutions participate in the workshop:

- Institute for Security Studies (ISS);
- Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC);
- National War College of Nigeria (NWCN);
- Peace Support Training Centre (PSTC), Karen;
- Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre (RPTC), Harare.

The Commission would appreciate it if the names of the representatives and their travel itineraries were forwarded to the Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) contact person for the workshop, not later than 5 October 2007, for consolidation and further action.

The Commission of the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the **Secretariat of African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA)**, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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