



**Addis Ababa, December 24, 2012 (WIC)** - The African Union Commission and the Government of Russia on Friday signed a grant agreement amounting to two million US dollars to support AU's peace and security efforts, AU said.

According to a press release AU sent to ENA on Saturday, the agreement is aimed at supporting AU's ongoing efforts in settlement of regional conflicts and mediation activities, countering terrorism and transnational crimes as well as conflict management and resolution.

According to ENA, AU Peace and Security Commissioner, Ramtane Lamamra and Russian Federation Representative to AU, Ambassador Valery Utkin signed the agreement.