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The African Parliamentary Union, in its message of April 13th, 2020, strongly condemned the discriminatory and degrading treatment of Africans residing in Canton (People's Republic of China), some of whom were declared positive by Covid-19. It also joined the statement by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on this situation.

In this message, the African Parliamentary Union, while rejecting any stigmatization of foreigners in this Covid-19 crisis, called on the Chinese authorities to take measures aimed at putting an end to such practices which harm human dignity and which are not consistent with the privileged links which exist between the People 's Republic of China and Africa.

The African Parliamentary Union welcomes today the measures taken and the assurances given by the Chinese authorities regarding the treatment of all foreigners in China on an equal footing, on the one hand, and their opposition to differently treating specific people, on the other hand. It particularly welcomes, in the health management of this country, the application of the principle of non-discrimination, the provision of personalized services and the adoption of accommodation measures for homeless Africans.

Finally, the African Parliamentary Union shares with the People's Republic of China the common concern to overcome this pandemic in discipline and with a high sense of responsibility, that which will strengthen Sino-African friendship and solidarity.

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