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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Addis Ababa, 10 January 2019: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, takes cognizance of the provisional results of the presidential election in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as announced by the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI).

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates his congratulations to the people, political actors, civil society and the relevant national institutions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the conduct of the elections under conditions deemed satisfactory by the African Union Election Observation Mission led by President Dioncounda Traoré.

The Chairperson of the Commission stresses the need for all concerned stakeholders to act in a way that consolidates democracy and preserves peace in the country. In this context, it is important that any challenge to the provisional results, including claims of inconsistencies with the verdict of the ballot box, be pursued peacefully, through avenues provided by the existing national legal framework, and political dialogue among all stakeholders.

The Chairperson of the Commission underlines that, regardless of the final official results of the elections, the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo requires genuine national consensus based on respect for democratic principles and human rights, as well as the preservation and consolidation of peace.