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**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
COMMISSION ON  
THE SITUATION IN KENYA**

**Addis Ababa, 11 October 2017:** The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, is closely following the situation in Kenya, including the decision by Mr. Raila Odinga from the National Super Alliance (NASA) Coalition to withdraw from the rerun of the presidential elections scheduled for 26 October 2017, and the subsequent political developments.

The Chairperson calls on all stakeholders to exercise leadership during this crucial period of Kenya's democracy to ensure the successful completion of the electoral process and contribute to the consolidation of democracy in Kenya and the preservation of peace and stability in the country.

The Chairperson of the Commission stresses that the AU stands ready to take any initiative deemed appropriate to facilitate the peaceful conclusion of the electoral process.

It should be recalled that the AU has deployed an Observer Mission in Kenya since September 2017, to support the electoral process and assist towards its peaceful and successful conclusion.

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