African Union Commission deploys election observers in the Gambia to observe the 9 April 2022 National Assembly Elections

As the Republic of The Gambia prepares to hold National Elections on 9 April 2022, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, has deployed the African Union Election Observation Mission (AUEOM) to the Gambia to observe the Elections from 2 to 14 April 2022. The AUEOM comprises 12 short-term observers (STOs) and three Core Team of electoral experts.

The AUEOM draws its mandate from various African Union instruments, most importantly: (a) the African Union Guidelines for Elections Observation and Monitoring Missions (2002); (b) the OUA/AU Declaration on Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa (2002); African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (1981) and (c) African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (2007), among others. It is also in line with Aspiration No. 3 of the AU Agenda 2063, which aims to ensure an Africa of good governance, democracy and respect for human rights, justice and rule of law.

The objectives of the AUEOM are to: (a) provide an accurate and impartial reporting or assessment of the quality of 9 April National Assembly Elections in the Republic of The Gambia, including the degree to which the conduct of the elections meets regional, continental and international standards for democratic elections; (b) offer recommendations for improvement of future elections based on the findings; and (c) demonstrate AU’s solidarity and support The Gambia’s election and democratization process to ensure that the conduct of democratic, credible and peaceful elections contributes to the consolidation of democratic governance, peace and stability in the country.

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