



ARRIVAL STATEMENT

AFRICAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO THE 10 OCTOBER 2023 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

The African Union Commission (AUC) announces the arrival of its Election Observation Mission (AUEOM), for the 10 October 2023 General Elections in the Republic of Liberia. At the invitation of the Government of Liberia and the National Elections Commission (NEC), the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat**, approved the deployment of the short-term AUEOM to assess and report on the conduct of this election.

The AUEOM is led by Former Deputy-President of the Republic of South Africa and Member of the AU Panel of the Wise, H.E Dr. Pumzile Gloria Mlambo-Ngcuka. It is comprised of 60 Short Term Observers (STOs) drawn from Ambassadors accredited to the African Union, Officials of Election Management Bodies, members of African civil society organisations, African election experts, Human Rights specialists, gender and media experts, and representatives of youth organizations. The observers are drawn from 26 countries which include *Benin, Botswana, Central Africa Republic, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe.*

The AUEOM will base its assessment on the legal framework governing elections in the Republic of Liberia and the OAU/AU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections, the standards and obligations stipulated in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), and the International Declaration of Principles (DoP) for International Election Observation among others.

The Mission shall interact with state authorities, the National Elections Commission, political parties, the media, civil society organisations and representatives of the international community. The Mission will equally interact with other Election Observation Missions deployed to observe the 2023 General Elections in Liberia.

The Mission will release a **Preliminary Statement** of its overall findings and assessment of the conduct of the elections on 12 October 2023 in a Press Conference in Monrovia, Liberia. A final and comprehensive Report will be released within two months from the date of announcement of final election results and will be posted on the AU Commission website.

The Mission's Secretariat is located at Boulevard Palace, Monrovia, Liberia. For more information about the Mission and its activities, please contact: Mr. Samuel

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