JOINT STATEMENT ON THE POST-ELECTORAL PHASE OF THE
25TH FEBRUARY 2023, NIGERIAN GENERAL ELECTION

The Heads of the Election Observation Missions of the Commission of the Economic
Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Africa Union (AU), note with con-
cern signs of increasing tensions in the country following the 25th February general
elections.

As we follow the progressive collation and release of election results by the Independent
National Electoral Commission (INEC), we wish to remind all stakeholders that the
electoral process is still ongoing. While we recognize that the tallying of results at all
levels is a critical part of the process, we urge INEC, to expedite the transparent release
of results to the general public, in order to ease anxieties and tensions.

We call on all political parties and their candidates to appeal to their supporters to
exercise maximum restraint and refrain from the use of provocative language and the
dissemination of misinformation and dis-information, which would only exacerbate
political tensions, divisiveness, and violence at this critical stage, with the potential to
undermine the progressive democratic progress Nigeria has continuously made over
the years. We exhort the electorate to maintain the patience so far demonstrated in
the electoral process, and await for the official release of the results of the polls. We
also urge the security agencies to continue to professionally discharge their duties with
utmost respect for the rule of law.

We further call on political parties and their candidates to settle electoral disputes
through peaceful means and dialogue, in accordance with the law. We remain confi-
dent in the strong commitment of the Nigerian government and her people to peace,
stability, and development and reaffirm our commitment to accompany the country in
advancing these important goals.

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