Press Release

Launch of the African Union Election Observation Mission to the 31 July 2022 Legislative Elections in the Republic of Senegal

Addis Ababa, 27 2022: The African Union Commission announces the launch of the African Union Election Observation Mission (AUEOM) to the 31 July 2022 Legislative Elections in the Republic of Senegal. The short term election observation mission comprises ten members drawn from various AU Member States and is led by His Excellency Bernard Makuza, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda. The AUEOM has been deployed from 25 July 2022 to 3 August 2022.

The objectives of the AUEOM are to: (a) provide an accurate and impartial assessment of the electoral process, 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 towards consolidation of democracy in Senegal.

The AUEOM draws its mandate from various AU instruments, most importantly: (a) the 2002 African Union Guidelines for Elections Observation and Monitoring Missions; (b) the 2002 OUA/AU Declaration on Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa; 1981 African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights and (c) the 2007 African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance; and 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, among others.

As part of its observation process in Senegal, the AUEOM will engage with various stakeholders as well as observe the polling process. Based on the findings, AUEOM will issue its preliminary statement on the electoral process on 2 August 2022 at Radisson Blu Sea Plaza hotel in Dakar.

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