



## Statement by the Chief Observer of the European Union Election Observation Mission

**Bissau, 13 May 2014**- The Chief Observer of the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM), Krzysztof Lisek, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), made the following statement in Brussels, Belgium, before his trip to Bissau for the second round of the presidential election:

"After a successful voting day on 13 April 2014, Guinea Bissau is now proceeding towards the second round of the Presidential election and I would like to reiterate the call to maintain the transparency of the election process in line with Guinea Bissau national legislation and international commitments.

It is very important that all national and international stakeholders contribute creating the conditions allowing the National Election Commission (CNE) to fulfil in full independence its role of management of the electoral process, control of the regularity of the counting and tabulation process, resolution of possible complaints and declaration of the final results.

The EU Election Observation Mission has been carrying out its observation activities in all regions of the country since 19 March 2014 and will continue to observe all phases of the election process until its conclusion and the official announcement of results. A Preliminary Statement will be presented at a Press Conference in Bissau shortly after election day."

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