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European Union reinforces its observer mission for the second round

Bissau, 9 May 2014- The European Union Electoral Observation Mission (EU EOM), with a permanent presence in the country over the past two months, anticipates the arrival of another 15 observers next Thursday in Bissau to reinforce the mission for observation of the second round of the presidential elections.

These observers, most of whom participated in the first round of general elections, return to Guinea Bissau to support the long-term observers and core team observation tasks that were ongoing across all regions since 19 March. Before the departure to their areas of responsibility, the observers will attend a briefing in Bissau in order to update them on the electoral developments since the first round.

The short-term observers will observe, in co-ordination with the long-term observers, the closing of the electoral campaign, the pre-electoral preparations, the voting, counting and tabulation of results.

This Mission, invited by the National Election Commission (CNE) to participate in the electoral process, is comprised by 49 observers. The EU EOM goal is to develop an impartial and balanced analysis of the electoral process.

The EU EOM, led by Krzysztof Lisek, a Member of the European Parliament, will issue a preliminary declaration on the 20 May and a final report at a later stage.

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