



European Union  
Election Observation Mission to Malawi  
2014 Tripartite Elections

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## EU EOM CLARIFICATION ON PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

**Blantyre, 29 May 2014.** – The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) was cited in an article “Credibility of observers in Malawi elections questioned” in Nyasa Times on 28 May as having assessed the 20 May Tripartite Elections in Malawi as being “free, fair and credible”.

The EU EOM would like to remind stakeholders and media that the mission presented its preliminary findings, in Blantyre on 22 May 2014. **The preliminary statement released by the EU EOM and the speech of Chief Observer Veronique De Keyser during the press conference did not contain the words “free, fair and credible”.**

The Chief Observer clearly stressed, in the beginning and at the end of her speech, that, ***“The EU EOM is currently observing this process and will only be in a position to present its final assessment once the elections are concluded,”*** and ***“We are currently in the beginning of the third phase of the electoral process, the tabulation of results, and this remains to be assessed.”***

The EU EOM preliminary statement and the Chief Observer’s speech may be found on the mission website at [www.eueom.eu/malawi2014](http://www.eueom.eu/malawi2014)

The EU EOM will remain in the country to observe the end of tabulation of results and to follow up on any election complaints and appeals that may arise. The mission will publish a final report with a comprehensive assessment of the electoral process, including recommendations, a few weeks after the conclusion of the electoral process.

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