



European Union Election Observation Mission The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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European Union Election Observation Mission to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan officially launched

AMMAN, 20 December 2012 – Following an invitation by the Independent Election Commission the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has been officially launched today to observe the Parliamentary Election scheduled for 23. January 2013.

The EU EOM is led by Chief Observer David Martin, a member of the European Parliament from the UK. At a press conference in Amman Martin said: "It is a privilege to lead the first European Union Election Observation Mission to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. I hope this election will contribute to Jordan's democratic development. We encourage all actors in the electoral process as well as the citizens to join their efforts for the elections to be conducted in a genuine, transparent and credible manner."

The EU EOM is the largest long-term international observation mission with observers from all 27 Member States as well as Norway and Switzerland in all twelve governorates to observe the electoral process before, during and after the election. They will be meeting government and electoral officials, candidates and representatives from political parties, civil society and the media. On election day the EU EOM will deploy over 80 observers to observe polling, counting and tabulation of results.

The EU EOM will conduct a comprehensive analysis of the electoral process based on a long-term observation and a methodology developed over many years. This analysis will include aspects such as the legal framework, the work of the election administration, the campaign activities of the candidates and political parties, the conduct of the media, the voting and the counting, the complaints and appeals process, and the announcement of the results. It will also assess compliance with domestic law and international as well as regional commitments to elections.

The EU EOM will be joined by a delegation of the European Parliament for the election day.

The EU EOM is independent from any EU institutions or Member States. The EU EOM will issue a preliminary statement shortly after the election. A final report - with technical recommendations for future elections - will be published later.

Note to Editors:

The European Union has signed Memoranda of Understanding with the Independent Election Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, guaranteeing freedom of movement to all EU EOM members and access to all polling stations and related sites and bodies and to all relevant information. This Mission is independent from any EU institutions or Member States and is obliged to remain neutral and abide by the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the Code of Conduct, as well as laws of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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