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PRESIDENTIAL, PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

EU EOM CALLS FOR PEACEFUL AND CREDIBLE ELECTIONS

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On the eve of the elections, the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Sierra Leone calls upon the voters of Sierra Leone to express their commitment to peace and democracy and to participate actively in the 17 November polls in a calm and orderly manner.

The EU EOM urges all political parties to abide by the commitments they have undertaken, namely the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) Code of Conduct, the NEC Campaign Code and the Declaration on Elections 2012, and to renew calls on their supporters to refrain from any form of violence or intimidation during this critical phase of the electoral process.

Acknowledging the demanding days ahead, the EU EOM trusts that all election officials, political party agents, security forces, domestic observers and all of those involved in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process will perform their roles in a responsible and impartial manner.

The EU EOM is pleased to support Sierra Leone in such an important moment in its history and for its future. The EU EOM will remain in the country until the end of the entire electoral process and will observe the resolution of any eventual complaints and appeals that may arise after the official announcement of final results.

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