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European Union Election Observation Mission to Liberia deploys 40 Short-Term Observers bringing total number to around 100

Monrovia 06 October 2023 – The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Liberia deploys today 40 Short-Term Observers (STOs) to all 15 counties of the country. A Delegation of 7 members of the European Parliament headed by Mr Leopoldo Lopez Gil and around 20 diplomats from EU Member States accredited in Liberia will also be integrated in the mission. EU Election Observers come from the 27 different EU Member States, as well as Canada and Norway, bringing the total number of EU Observers on Election Day to around 100.

“Our teams have been observing the electoral process for a month now. LTOs have engaged with 18 of the 19 Magisterial Election Offices and have held meetings in 64 out of 73 Electoral Districts to date”, says Deputy Chief Observer Jarek Domanski.

On Election Day, in teams of two, EU observers will follow all election-related activities at various polling places and voting precincts across the 15 counties. They will observe the opening of polling places and will assess the electoral environment in which the General Elections take place. After the closure of voting, EU observers will also follow the counting, result-tabulation process until publication of results.

The EU Election Observation Mission will present its preliminary statement of findings in a press conference shortly after Election Day. A Final Report offering recommendations to enhance future electoral processes will be presented after completion of the entire election process.

The EU has an established methodology for observing elections. Observers do not interfere in the electoral process and have no authority to change or correct any shortcomings. All EU election observers are bound by a strict code of conduct and ethical guidelines that guarantee their neutrality and impartiality.

The EU EOM evaluates according to international standards and operates in accordance with the ‘Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation’ adopted at the United Nations in 2005 by a number of international bodies involved in election observation. The main objectives of EU Election Observations are the support of the democratic process in partner countries, to enhance public confidence in the electoral process and to strengthen respect for human rights and the rule of law.

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