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European Union Deploys More Observers to the Provinces

Maputo, 12 October 2014 - The European Union Electoral Observation Mission (EU EOM) deployed today a group of 20 observers to the provinces of Mozambique. The short-term observers will reinforce a group of 20 long-term observers who have been monitoring the electoral process since last 24 September.

Before their departure to the provinces, the observers attended a briefing in Maputo on the country's socio-political situation and electoral process. These observers will monitor, in co-ordination with the long-term observers, the pre-election day preparations, and all activities on election day: voting, counting and tabulation. A group of local short-term observers, members of diplomatic missions, will also join the Mission.

The EU EOM is led by Judith Sargentini, a Dutch member of the European Parliament, and has been in the country since 16 September, following an invitation of the National Election Commission (CNE).

The Mission will issue its preliminary findings in a statement to be released during a press conference two days after the elections. A more comprehensive final report, including recommendations for possible improvements to future electoral processes, will be published at a later stage.

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