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**EUROPEAN UNION OBSERVATION MISSION CONCERNED WITH
DELAYS IN TABULATION OF RESULTS**

Maputo, 21 October 2014 - The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) has been observing the counting and tabulation processes in all provinces of the country. Despite an orderly election day, these processes have encountered many difficulties and adversities, according to EU observers, stemming from lack of organizational and awareness of tabulation procedures, faulty handling of voting 'actas' and materials and lengthy tabulation methods. Tabulation was in many cases started at provincial level without finishing at district level. The legal deadlines for announcement of district and provincial results, three and five days after election day, respectively, were in their majority unfulfilled.

The Mission regrets the obstacles posed to the access of EU observers to information on the provincial tabulation in Cabo Delgado and Zambezia, when transparency and integrity should preside over the entire electoral process according to the law. The Mission expresses its concerns with the delays in the tabulation of results at district and provincial levels in some provinces, and considers that such mishaps in the tabulation process, added to the absence of official public explanations about these difficulties, hinders what has been an orderly start on election day. The EU EOM recognizes the efforts of the election officials to overcome such shortcomings and further encourages the election management bodies to address these shortcomings in an effective and transparent manner to instill confidence among the citizenship that the electoral process will be concluded in full conformity with the legal requirements.

The Mission will remain in country until after the legal expiration of the deadline for announcement of the official provisional results by the National Election Commission (CNE).

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