



**THE EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO SUDAN  
PRESENTS ITS FINAL REPORT ON THE APRIL ELECTIONS  
WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL PROCESSES**

**KHARTOUM, 28 June 2010.** – The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Sudan made public in a press conference its final report on the Executive and Legislative Elections held on 11-15 April.

Véronique De Keyser, Chief Observer and member of the European Parliament, presented the document, which offers a detailed evaluation of the electoral process in the light of international standards for democratic elections and Sudanese law, and recommendations for improvements in future elections.

Mrs. De Keyser stressed the importance and complexity of the elections as well as some deficiencies: *“I would like to congratulate once again the Sudanese people for the dedication shown on these highly complex elections, which represent a major step forward in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. The mission has unfortunately observed that the overall electoral process has suffered from confusion, deficiencies in the electoral framework and during the campaign, instances of violence in the South and lack of transparency in the delivery of results as safeguards intended to ensure the integrity of the process were abandoned”.*

The report also includes 46 recommendations for future elections in Sudan. In the context of the upcoming referendum, Mrs. De Keyser highlighted, for the consideration of the election administration body, the need to ensure a comprehensive, transparent and accurate voter registration exercise; to operate in a transparent and consultative manner; and to conduct the aggregation exercises so as to ensure that polling stations’ results are traceable, open for scrutiny and swiftly displayed on the internet.

There should also be greater legal clarity on the complaints and appeals processes so voters are guaranteed access to a legal remedy, and criminal



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offences related to the publication of information should have an available defence based on the public interest or the expression of an opinion.

The EU EOM remained in Sudan from 27 February until 18 May, following an invitation from the National Elections Commission and the Government of the Republic of Sudan. Its findings are based on the information submitted by 147 observers -from 25 EU member states, as well as from Switzerland, Norway and Canada- deployed across the country.

The EU EOM Sudan operated in accordance with the *Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation*, adopted under the auspices of the United Nations in 2005, and is independent in its findings and conclusions.

The EU EOM Sudan wishes to express its warmest appreciation to the people of Sudan for their cooperation, assistance and welcome during the mission.

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