



EASF-EOM Arrival Statement

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1. The Eastern Africa Standby Force, Election Observation Mission (EASF-EOM) announces its arrival in the Republic of Rwanda. The EASF-EOM is deployed to observe the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections to be held on 15th and 16th July, 2024 in accordance with the EASF Guidelines on Election Observer Mission and at the invitation of the host country through the Rwanda National Electoral Commission.
2. The EASF-EOM is led by H.E Ambassador Kennedy Mokaya from the Republic of Kenya as the Head of Mission, Hon Moinaecha Mroudjae, the Vice chairperson of the EASF Panel of Elders, from the Union of Comoros, and, Mr. Ali Said Bacar from Comoros as the Deputy Head of Mission. The EASF-EOM comprises of 20 short term observers drawn from EASF Member States which include Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda.
3. The EASF-EOM will deploy observers in all four provinces and the city of Kigali to assess and report on the conduct of the Elections based on the legal framework governing the elections in the Republic of Rwanda. The mission is also guided by relevant normative frameworks such as the OAU/AU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections, on the principles of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance and the International Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation as enshrined in the EASF regulations.
4. Prior to and during voting, the EASF-EOM will engage with the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, National Electoral Commission, media, civil society and relevant

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stakeholders involved in the process as part of the objectives of EASF to support the democratic process in Africa.

5. In line with the above, Eastern Africa Standby Force Election Observer Mission:

- a. **Calls** on voters to exercise their civic and constitutional duty in a peaceful manner and respect for the rule of law;
- b. **Recognizes** the importance of law enforcement agencies in ensuring a peaceful electoral process;
- c. **Affirms** the value of civil liberties and the principles of free and fair elections as the cornerstone of democracy.

6. EASF-EOM will issue a preliminary statement containing the initial findings and recommendations on the conduct of the elections on 17th July, 2024 at a press conference in Kigali, Rwanda.

End of Statement

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