



Election Observer Mission to the General Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Kinshasa, December 10, 2023: The Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR) has deployed an Election Observer Mission (EOM) to observe the general elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo scheduled to take place on 20th December, 2023.

The FP-ICGLR is a parliamentary inter-governmental organization composed of National Parliaments of the twelve ICGLR Member States, namely; the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Burundi, the Central African Republic (CAR), the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of the Sudan, the United Republic Tanzania, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zambia.

The main objective of this EOM be to assess how the electoral process meets the ICGLR Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance and other instruments, inter alia, the African Union Charter on Democracy, Elections and Good Governance, the international standards regarding the organization of elections, and also the Constitution and the electoral laws of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and how it reflects the true will of its people.

The Mission will be composed of Members of Parliament and staff from Member-Parliaments, the General Secretariat of the FP-ICGLR and ICGLR's Levy Mwanawasa Centre for Democracy and Good Governance (Lusaka Centre).

Prior to observing the elections on D-Day, the Mission will have a series of meetings with representatives of Political Parties, the National Electoral Commission (CENI), Civil Society Organizations, among others, as well as observe some of the political rallies.

At the end of the polls, the mission will come out with a Preliminary Statement as an interim measure, followed by a comprehensive report with observations and recommendations on best practices as well as areas requiring improvement for future proper election management not only for DRC but also the Great Lakes Region and the African Continent at large.

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