



ARRIVAL STATEMENT

AFRICAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO THE 7 DECEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

The African Union Commission (AUC) announces the arrival of its election observation mission (AUEOM) for the 7 December 2024 General Elections in the Republic of Ghana. At the invitation of the Government of Ghana, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, approved the deployment of the short-term AUEOM to observe and report on the conduct of these elections.

The AUEOM is led by H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, Former President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, supported by H.E. Phumzile Mlambo -Ngcuka, Member of the Panel of the Wise and Former Vice President of the Republic of South Africa. They will also be joined by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AUC Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, and Ms Patience Zanelie Chiradza, AUC Director of Governance and Conflict Prevention. The mission comprises 62 short-term observers (STOs) drawn from ambassadors accredited to the African Union, officials of election management bodies, members of African civil society organisations, African election experts, human rights specialists, gender and media experts, and representatives of youth organisations from 27 African countries. The observers will be deployed to all 16 regions in Ghana, where they will observe the election day proceedings, including the opening of polls, voting, closing and the counting processes at the polling stations.

The AUEOM will base its assessment on the legal framework governing elections in the Republic of Ghana and the OAU/AU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections, the standards and obligations stipulated in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG).

The Mission shall interact with state authorities, including the Electoral Commission of Ghana, political parties, the media, civil society organisations and international community representatives. The Mission will also interact with other election observation missions deployed to observe the 2024 General Elections in Ghana.

The Mission will release a preliminary statement outlining its initial findings and recommendations on the elections' conduct after the elections. Within one month of announcing the final election results, a final and comprehensive report will be released and posted on the AU Commission website.

The Mission's Secretariat is at the Kempinski Hotel, Accra, Ghana.

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