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**AFRICAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVER MISSION TO THE 15th JULY
2012 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

ARRIVAL STATEMENT

On the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Congo, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **H.E. Jean Ping**, dispatched an Election Observer Mission to the Republic of Congo in order to observe the forthcoming National Assembly elections scheduled to be held on the 15th July 2012.

The Mission is led by **H.E. Elhadji Seini Oumarou**, former Prime Minister of The Republic of Niger. It is composed of representatives drawn from the African Union Secretariat in Addis Ababa, Pan-African Parliament, select National Parliaments, Election Management Bodies, and members of civil society organizations from various African countries.

The mandate of the Mission shall be to observe the electoral process in the Republic of Congo according to the AU Declaration on the principles of democratic elections in Africa, AHG/Decl.1 (XXXVIII) and the Directives of the African Union for election observation missions and election monitoring.

The mission will deploy its observers to the followings regions: Brazzaville, Bouenza, Cuvette, Cuvette- Ouest, Kouilou, Lékoumou, Likouala, Niari, Plateaux and Pool.

Observations and recommendations of the Mission will be based on the credibility, transparency, fairness and the effective organization of the elections from which the Mission will express its views during a press conference to be held on the 17th July 2012 at 15.00 at the Hotel Residence Marina Brazzaville, and produce a report which will be shared with the appropriate Republic of Congo authorities.

The Mission Secretariat will be based at the Hotel Residence Marina Brazzaville. The secretariat can be reached on the following numbers: 057429598, 057429089, 057429513 and 057403555.

The AU Mission wishes to thank the Republic of Congo Authorities for the measures taken to facilitate its work.

Done in Congo Brazzaville, 11th July 2012