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**AFRICAN UNION OBSERVER MISSION TO THE 30 SEPTEMBER 2013
PARLIAMENTARY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN CAMEROON**

ARRIVAL STATEMENT

The African Union Commission announces the arrival of its Election Observer Mission for the 30 September 2013 Parliamentary and Municipal Elections in the Republic of Cameroon. The Mission has been deployed by **H.E Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma**, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

The African Union Elections Observer Mission has a mandate to observe the 30 September 2013 Parliamentary and Municipal Elections in conformity with the relevant provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, which entered into force on 15 February 2012, and which is intended to enhance electoral processes in Africa, strengthen electoral institutions and the conduct of fair, free, and transparent elections; the AU/OAU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa (AHG/Decl.1 (XXXVIII)), adopted by the Assembly of the African Union in July 2002; the African Union Guidelines for Elections Observation and Monitoring Missions; relevant international instruments governing elections observation and the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Cameroon.

The Mission is led by **H. E John Agyekum Kufor**, former President of the Republic of Ghana and comprises 40 observers drawn from the Pan-African Parliament, African Ambassadors to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Election Management Bodies and Civil Society Organisations from various African countries.

As part of its activities, the Mission will meet relevant electoral stakeholders in Cameroon, including the Electoral Management Body, Political Parties, and Civil Society Organisations. The Mission will communicate its preliminary findings on the electoral process and make recommendations where necessary, through a statement issued at a press conference. Thereafter, a final report will be availed to the relevant authorities in Cameroon.

The Mission wishes to thank the Cameroonian authorities for all measures undertaken to facilitate its work.

The Secretariat of the Observer Mission is at the Mont Febe Hotel, Yaounde. For further information please contact the Mission Coordinator: Ms. Karine Kakasi, Tel: +23791701663 or Email: karine_kksi@yahoo.fr.

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