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Observer Groups Call for Peaceful Polls, Urge Kenyans to Await Results

Observer groups from the African Union, The Carter Center, the East African Community, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, the Commonwealth, and the European Union call on Kenya's political parties and candidates to abide by the Electoral Code of Conduct and to respect their commitment to nonviolent participation in the electoral process. The observers also trust that the government of Kenya and the security forces will secure all stakeholders in a transparent and impartial manner.

The observer groups also call on all Kenyans to respect the right of fellow voters to choose their elected representatives free from fear of intimidation or violence. The observers hope that all political actors will abide by the rule of law and allow the Independent and Electoral Boundaries Commission to conduct the polling, counting and tabulation process.

The observer groups urge anyone with a complaint about the electoral process to follow the established judicial procedures.

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