JOINT STATEMENT

CALL FOR PEACE AND ORDER IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA GENERAL ELECTIONS

Dar es Salaam, 27 October 2020

The Heads of the Election Observation Missions to the United Republic of Tanzania’s 28 October General Elections, H.E. Sylvestre NTIBANTUNGANYA, former President of Burundi, East African Community (EAC) Mission; H.E. Goodluck JONATHAN, former President of Nigeria, the African Union (AU) Mission and Advocate Pansy TLAKULA, former Chairperson of South Africa’s Independent Electoral Commission, the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) Mission, would like to seize this opportunity to commend the people of Tanzania for the largely peaceful conduct of the election campaigns. As the country goes to the polls tomorrow, 28 October 2020 we would like to call upon citizens and all political stakeholders to refrain from any acts that could undermine the peaceful conduct of these elections.

Since our arrival in the country, we have observed preparations for the elections and held consultations with key stakeholders. We confirm that the process has been largely peaceful. We therefore wish to encourage the people of the United Republic Tanzania, all political parties, candidates and their supporters to continue upholding the long-enduring peace, security and stability of the country at the forefront.
We further urge the people of Tanzania and all political leaders involved in these elections to continue prioritizing observance of law and order, and mutual respect, throughout the voting and counting process. We further call on the people of the United Republic of Tanzania, to exercise their democratic right to vote, while respecting the values of peace, security for all and the stability of the nation.

The Heads of Mission of the three international observer groups take this opportunity to wish the citizens of the United Republic of Tanzania peaceful and successful elections.

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