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RELEASE OF AUEOM PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: Release of Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions of the African Union Election Observation Mission (AUEOM) to the 2018 General Election in the Republic of Sierra Leone.

When: 9th March 2018

Where: Bintumani Hotel Conference Room, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Time: Starting from 10:00 A.M.

Who: The African Union Election Observation Mission to Sierra Leone.

About AUEOM:

African Union Election observation serves the following purposes:

- * safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process;
- * promoting the openness and transparency of the process;
- * enhancing public confidence;
- * diffusing potential tensions;
- * deterring improper practices and attempts at fraud;
- * increasing political credibility;
- * contributing to the acceptance of election results; and
- * disseminating and strengthening international standards and electoral best practices

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What the AUEOM observes:

- The legal framework for elections and its implementation;
- The work of the electoral commission;
- The campaign activities;
- The role of state institutions;
- The role of women, youth and civil society in the electoral process;
- The conduct of the media – both public and private;
- Voting, counting, tabulation and announcement of result;
- Election disputes resolution mechanisms including complaints and appeals process related to the elections;
- The general environment in which the elections are being conducted.

Media representatives in Sierra Leone are invited to take part and cover the Press Conference.

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