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Arrival of the Head of the African Union's Election Observation Mission to the Zimbabwe Harmonised Elections 2018

What: Arrival of the Head of the African Union Election Observation Mission (AUEOM)

When H.E Mr Hailemariam Desalegne will arrive in Zimbabwe on Tuesday 24th July at 14:15. He will give a short statement to media and take a few minutes for a photo opportunity at the airport.

Where: Robert Mugabe International Airport Zimbabwe.

Who: H.E Mr HaileMariam Desalegne is the former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. He was appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission Mr Moussa Faki Mahamat, to lead the African Union Election Observation Mission to the harmonised Zimbabwe elections of 2018.

Background: The African Union (AU) is the continent's pan African body consisting of all 55 African countries. It was established on 26 May 2001 and launched on 9 July 2002, replacing the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). The AU is charged with spearheading Africa's rapid integration and sustainable development by promoting unity, solidarity, cohesion and cooperation among the peoples of Africa and African States as well as developing a New Partnership worldwide. Its Headquarters is located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The vision of the African Union is that of "An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena".

The African Union conducts its election observation in accordance with the AU Charter on Democracy Elections and Governance; the OAU/AU Declaration on Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa; the AU Guidelines for Election Observation and Monitoring Missions; the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights; and the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation. It will also be guided by Zimbabwe's constitution & legal framework governing the conduct of elections.

Journalists are invited to cover the arrival of the Head of the AUEOM. More information on other AUEOM events will be released soon.

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