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

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

When Wednesday 25th July at 09:00.

Where. Jacaranda 3. Rainbow Towers

Who: H.E Mr HaileMariam Desalegne, former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will officially launch the AUEOM

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 launch of the AUEOM. More information on other AUEOM events will be released soon.

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