

**For Immediate Release****AU Chairperson Approves the African Union Election Observation Mission to the Parliamentary Elections in Togo: 21 July 2013**

Addis Ababa, 8 July, 2013: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission has approved the deployment of the African Union Election Observation Mission (AU-EOM) on the occasion of the Parliamentary Elections in the Republic of Togo, scheduled to take place on the 21st of July 2013.

The Mission would be led by **H.E. Mr Kabine Komara**, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea (Conakry).

The Mission draws its mandate from various African Union Instruments and most importantly the:

- AU Guidelines on African Union Election Observation and Monitoring Missions, 2002
- The OAU/AU Declaration on Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa, 2002
- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, 1981 and
- African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), 2007

The Democracy and Electoral Assistance Unit of the Department of Political Affairs, African Union Commission, has in effect concluded plans for the deployment of the Observers to the 21 July Parliamentary Elections in the Republic of Togo from **12th to 27th July 2013**.

The AU-EOM Mission comprises of selected and fully trained Observers from the African Union Observers database including, former Heads of States, Ambassadors, members of Election Management Bodies and other selected and trained Observers from Civil Society Organisations in Africa. The composition of each Mission draws from the different regions in Africa and comprises of thirty (30) Observers.

The Mission will remain in constant interaction with the Commission and present a final report on the Elections to the Chairperson.

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