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**AUC Chairperson Approves the Deployment of  
an African Union Electoral Observation Mission  
to October 12, 2014 Parliamentary and Local Elections  
in Sao Tome and Principe**

**Addis Ababa, 23 September 2014:** The Chairperson of the African Union Commission has approved the deployment of an African Union Election Observation Mission (AUEOM) to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe's Parliamentary and local elections scheduled for 12 October 2014.

The AUEOM will be led by the former Prime Minister of the Angola Republic, **H.E. Fernando José de França Dias Van-Dûnem**. The mission comprises twenty five (25) trained African Union observers drawn from various African institutions including members of Pan-African Parliament, human right organizations and civil society organizations in Africa. This Mission will be deployed from 5 to 19 October 2014.

The mandate of the AUEOM involves the observation of the electoral process in Sao Tome and Principe and will operate in accordance with relevant AU instruments for election observation, such as: the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance; the AU/OAU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa; and the AU Guidelines for Elections Observation and Monitoring Missions.

The Mission will present its preliminary findings shortly after Election Day, when a preliminary statement will be released. This will be followed by a detailed and comprehensive final report two (2) months after the election.

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