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Angola's 2012 General Elections

THE AFRICAN UNION DEPLOYS AN OBSERVER MISSION TO ANGOLA

Angola, Luanda, 25th August 2012- The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Dr. Jean Ping is deploying an election observation mission to the Republic of Angola to supervise the General Elections scheduled to be held on August 31st 2012 ,only the third since independence in 1975.

The observation mission is led by H.E. Pires Pedro, Former President of the Republic of Cape Verde. The mission is expected to make an independent and impartial observation of the electoral process in Angola.

The AU mission expected to be to deployed across the country includes personalities representing the AU Member States, the AU Commission, officials of national electoral bodies and members of the African Civil Society.

The AU has been duly invited by the Angolan Government to deploy an election observer mission for the presidential and parliamentary elections in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Durban Declaration of July 2002 on the principles regulating democratic elections in Africa.

Nine political parties are expected to contest the elections according to the National Electoral Commission . The head of the winning party will become president according to the law in Angola.

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