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THE AFRICAN UNION SENDS AN OBSERVER MISSION TO ZAMBIA

Addis Ababa, 13TH September 2011- The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission is deploying an election observation mission to Zambia to observe the parliamentary and presidential elections scheduled to be held on the 20th of September 2011. The observation mission is led by **HE Vijay Makhan, Former OAU Assistant Secretary General** and is expected to make an independent and impartial observation of the electoral process in Zambia.

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

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

The Electoral Commission of Zambia certified the 2011 Voters Register on 31st July, 2011 which has a total of **5,167,154** voters out of an estimated population of 13 million.

The People of Zambia will be voting on 20th September to elect the President, Members of Parliament and the local government representatives.

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