



**AFRICAN UNION OBSERVER MISSION ON THE OCCASSION OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS OF ALGEIRA, 10 MAY 2012**

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**ARRIVAL STATEMENT**

Upon invitation of the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **H.E. Jean Ping**, dispatched an Election Observer Mission to Algeria in order to observe the forthcoming Legislative elections scheduled for Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

The AU Observation Mission has a mandate to observe the 10<sup>th</sup> May Elections in conformity with the relevant provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, which entered into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, and which is intended to enhance electoral processes in Africa, strengthen electoral institutions and the conduct of fair, free, and transparent elections; the AU/OAU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa (AHG/Decl.1 (XXXVIII)), adopted by the Assembly of the African Union in July 2002 ; the African Union Guidelines for Elections Observation and Monitoring Missions ; and the Constitution and the laws of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

The Mission is led by **H.E. Joachim Chissano**, former President of Mozambique and comprises of 200 high profile personalities drawn from the Pan African Parliament, African Ambassadors to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Election Management Bodies and civil society organizations from various African countries.

Observations and recommendations of the Mission will be based on the credibility, transparency, fairness and the effective organization of the elections from which the Mission will express its views during a press conference, and produce a report which will be shared with the appropriate Algerian authorities.

As part of its activities, the Mission will meet the political and judicial authorities, various electoral stakeholders in Algeria, including political parties and civil society groups. The Mission can be contacted on 0664731780.

The AU Mission wishes to thank the Algeria Authorities for the measures taken to facilitate its work.

Done in Algiers, 7 May 2012