



Joint Appeal by SADC, AU, Commonwealth and EISA Election Observer Missions on the eve of the 2012 Lesotho Parliamentary Elections

Maseru, 25 May 2012

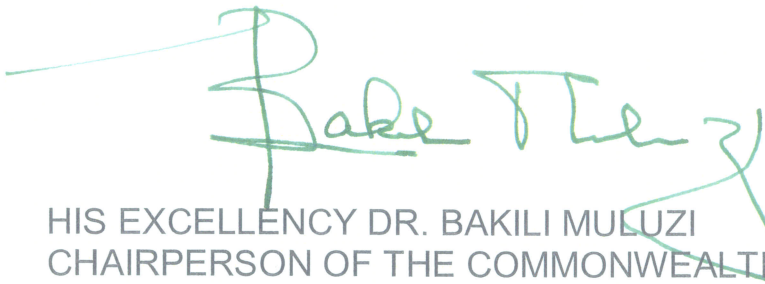
1. On Africa Day, within the spirit of the African Union's "Make Peace Happen" Campaign, and on the eve of the 2012 Parliamentary Elections in Lesotho, we, the Election Observer Missions of SADC, AU, Commonwealth and EISA, are delighted to have been invited by the Government, the Independent Electoral Commission and the People of Lesotho to observe and support the electoral process and the consolidation of democracy in Lesotho.
2. We call on all Basotho electors to exercise their democratic right and civic duty and participate massively and peacefully in tomorrow's elections.
3. Having met with all relevant stakeholders and having listened to their views about the process, we call on all stakeholders to ensure that the electoral process is brought to its conclusion in a peaceful manner, and in conformity with the Constitution and other laws of Lesotho, as well other regional, continental and international instruments and standards to which Lesotho has subscribed.
4. We urge all stakeholders to accept the outcome of the elections in the interest of peace, brotherhood, national interest and for the good of Africa.



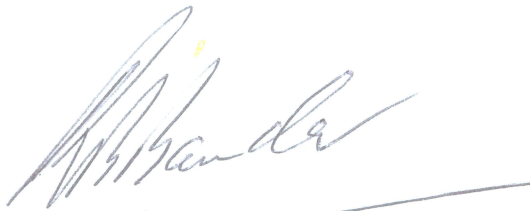
HER EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR ZODWA LALLIE
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