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AU condemns the outbreak of violence and urges for peaceful resolution of election-related disputes in Gabon

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – 1 September 2016: The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, is closely monitoring the situation in Gabon, following the proclamation of the preliminary results of the 27 August 2016 presidential election.

The Chairperson takes note of the preliminary results of the presidential elections, as announced on 31 August 2016 by the *Commission Electorale Nationale Automne Paritaire of Gabon*.

The Chairperson of the Commission expressed concern over the outbreak of violence in some parts of the country that has resulted in the loss of lives, injuries and destruction of property. She condemns the escalation of violence that has the potential to undermine peace and stability in the country with adverse repercussions for the peace and security of the Central Africa region.

The Chairperson of the Commission calls on all Gabonese stakeholders to demonstrate utmost restraint and use legally established channels to resolve all disputes pertaining to the result of the elections.

The Chairperson reaffirms the AU's continued support to the leaders and people of Gabon as they strive to consolidate democracy, stability and development in the country.

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