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African Union Commission calls for the respect of the rule of law following the official announcement of the final results of the presidential election in Kenya

Addis Ababa, 12 August 2017: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AU) Moussa Faki Mahamat takes note of the official announcement of the final results of the presidential election in Kenya on 11 August 2017 by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) following the General Elections on 8 August 2017, which were deemed credible and transparent by all observer missions, including the one deployed by the AU. He calls on all those who wish to challenge these results to do so through the channels provided for by the law.

The Chairperson is very concerned by the outbreak of violence in certain counties, leading to the loss of life and the destruction of property. Recourse to violence is totally unacceptable.

He calls on all concerned to refrain from any action or statement that can further heighten tensions, and stresses the need for the security agencies to respect fundamental human rights and refrain from the excessive use of force in their efforts to maintain law and order.