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## PRESS RELEASE

### **African Union congratulates the people of Sierra Leone for peaceful, transparent and credible General Elections.**

**Addis Ababa, 15 March 2018:** The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, wishes to congratulate the people of Sierra Leone for peaceful, transparent and credible General Elections. The Chairperson has taken note of the peaceful atmosphere within which the 7 March 2018 General Elections took place and wishes to seize the opportunity to applaud the efforts of all electoral stakeholders including political parties and the National Electoral Commission.

The Chairperson further takes note of the fact the presidential election remains inconclusive and that, in line with the Constitution and the electoral laws of Sierra Leone, a second round will be held between the two leading candidates.

In view of this, the Chairperson would like to appeal to all electoral stakeholders, particularly the candidates of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) and the All People's Party (APC) to maintain peace and to do all they can to ensure the successful completion of the electoral process.

The African Union remains committed to supporting the consolidation of democracy in Sierra Leone and in all its other member states through peaceful, transparent and credible electoral processes.