











STATEMENT BY INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL AND GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS OF THE 24TH MARCH 2019 IN THE UNION OF COMOROS

We, Heads of International Election Observation Missions deployed to observe the Presidential and Gubernatorial elections of 24th March 2019 in the Union of Comoros;

On the eve of the polls, **take note** of the preparations made by the Government, the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) and other key stakeholders of the electoral process;

Hereby **appeal** to the political actors and all other electoral stakeholders to make every effort to maintain a peaceful environment that will contribute to the conduct of the elections in line with the continental and regional standards of democratic elections; and

Encourage voters to turn out in large numbers to exercise their civic and democratic rights as enshrined in the Constitution in a peaceful, orderly and lawful manner.

Moroni, 23rd March, 2019

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