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Press Release

The Head of Mission to Mauritanian Elections of 24th June 2019 briefs the media on Mauritania Elections.

Nouakchott, 24th June 2019:- The African Union Election Observer Mission (AUEOM) for the first round of the presidential election of 22 June 2019 in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania held a press Conference to review the Elections.

The Press Conference was addressed by the Missions Head, **H.E. Philemon Yunji Yang**, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Cameroon and Leader of the African Union Observation team to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (AUEOM). The briefing took place in the presence of the African Union partners from Permanent Representatives Committee, Pan-African Parliament, Election Management Bodies, Civil Society Organizations, Media and Academic institutions of the continent.

The briefing programme focused on the general political and security environment in Islamic Republic of Mauritania and on the methodology and Code of Conduct for AU election observation.

While thanking the AUEOM coordination team and the observers for their

devotedness, the Head of Mission stated the role of the AUEOM during the ended Presidential Elections: “The role of the team was to monitor the conduct of the elections before, during and after the elections, be objective and produce impartial report on the conduct of these elections, including the manner in which the conduct of the electoral process will have respected the national,regional,continental and international standards” he emphasized.

The duties of the team were also to help promote the Aspirations 3 of AU Agenda 2063 “The Africa We Want” which aims to ensure an Africa Where good governance, democracy and human rights, justice and rule of law prevail.

He also added that, the primary role of the AUEOM observers was not to substitute the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) but rather to exercise maximum professionalism in the discharge of their duties and maintain peace and unity in the country. The preliminary statement was adopted and the full report has been attached, in French, and English.

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