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STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on
the presidential election process in Guinea Bissau

"Following the announcement by the Electoral Commission of the results of the Presidential election, we extend congratulations to Mr. Jose Mário Vaz, who according to the preliminary results has a clear lead.

We welcome the successful conduct of the electoral process and again commend the people of Guinea Bissau for their unwavering commitment to democracy and peace.

The EU Election Observation Mission, deployed in the country since March 2014, and present in all the regions, assessed that the run-off was conducted in a transparent and orderly way and according to the legislation. The EU mission will remain in Guinea Bissau to follow the complaint procedures and until the declaration of the final results.

We also pay tribute to the other presidential candidates for their contribution to the democratic process. We call on the contenders to remain committed to their pledges to uphold peace and to seek redress for any grievances through the appropriate legal procedures.

The EU is firmly committed to work together with the new elected authorities, once the result is finalised, to restore Guinea Bissau's stability, economic development and prosperity. We encourage them to pursue the necessary reforms in an inclusive manner and in dialogue with all political groups."

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