STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on the presidential elections
in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

"We should like to offer our congratulations to President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz on his re-election during the first round of the presidential elections on 21 June. We also welcome the organisation of the electoral process and the peaceful manner in which it was conducted.

We should like to emphasize the importance of an electoral process that is as inclusive as possible, allowing the fullest possible expression of the different political views in order to guarantee a transparent and credible result and the democratic legitimacy of the institutions.

The European Union reaffirms its willingness to continue a fruitful relationship with the Mauritanian government with the aim of contributing to democracy, stability and development in Mauritania."

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