



## EUROPEAN UNION

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### LOCAL EU STATEMENT ON ELECTIONS IN ZANZIBAR

**The Delegation of the European Union issues the following statement**

**in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Tanzania**

The Delegation of the European Union fully supports the statement issued by the international observer missions on 29 October. It is very concerned by the Chairman of the Zanzibar Electoral Commission' statement that he intends to annul the elections, particularly since all the international observers gave a positive assessment of the quality of the voting process they observed.

The Delegation of the European Union calls on ZEC to find a way forward that respects the will expressed by the Zanzibar people in the polls on 25 October. It further urges ZEC to resume and complete the tallying and announcement of vote results swiftly.

The Delegation of the European Union calls on the CCM and CUF leadership to appeal their supporters to stay calm. All stakeholders should prioritise constructive dialogue as the primary means to resolve differences. The two political parties, as members of the Government of National Unity of Zanzibar, should make every effort to preserve the democratic and economic gains acquired following many years of effort.

The Embassies of Norway and Switzerland associate themselves with this statement.

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