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Statements by the Spokesperson

Statement by the spokesperson following the Presidential elections in Rwanda

The European Union has closely followed the presidential elections in Rwanda.

The Rwandan people have engaged in the democratic process peacefully, with polling held in an organised and secure environment, and a diverse set of issues having been raised across a wide range of media in the campaign.

This marks a step to strengthen the electoral process. In view of future elections, the EU expects further efforts to increase the inclusiveness and transparency of the process, in particular as regards the registration of the candidates, the tabulation of results and other prerequisites for achieving a level playing field. In this regard, it supports recommendations made by the African Union electoral observation mission to avoid future risks of counting irregularities, and to allow disqualified candidates to appeal.

The EU remains ready to support Rwanda to meet that objective.

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