



EU Election Observation Mission 18 Recommendations Progress Update

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The EU Election Observation Mission (EOM) is taking stock of the 18 recommendations it presented a month ago, with the aim of improving the integrity of the re-run of the presidential election in Kenya.

The EU EOM's Chief Observer, Marietje Schaake MEP, said: "The EU EOM has seen that some positive measures were taken by the IEBC in regards to nearly all of the nine recommendations relating to electoral administration. If implemented as planned, these provide a foundation for an improved electoral organization, with stronger transparency and integrity measures, particularly for results transmission and tallying."

Ms Schaake added: "In the remaining days before the election there is still a lot of work to be done if trust is to be rebuilt. That includes better and more timely information for the public and pilot testing of procedures and technologies."

The Chief Observer also commented: "The IEBC is responsible for organizing the electoral process, but multiple actors are responsible for its success and compliance with the Constitution. Political aggravation has resulted in a stand-off and uncertainty, and risks exacerbating ethnic tensions. Dialogue and cooperation are urgently needed for compromises to be made so there can be a peaceful electoral process with integrity and transparency and Kenyans can choose their President."

The 18 EU EOM recommendations published on 14 September are all consistent with the detailed judgment of the Supreme Court presented on 20 September, which affirmed the need for the results process to meet the constitutional requirement of being "*simple, accurate, verifiable, secure, accountable and transparent.*"

The EU EOM's recommendations are not an exhaustive list of possible improvements. They offer practical and implementable points for consideration by national stakeholders. The recommendations are subject to ongoing review, and the ultimate judgment on the integrity of the process is up to the Supreme Court of Kenya.

The EU EOM will continue observing with a core team in Nairobi and 24 long-term observers currently deployed across the country. It will release a full final report with future recommendations some two months after completion of the entire electoral process.

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