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Statement by HR Catherine Ashton on the Presidential Elections in the Republic of Guinea

Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, issued the following statement today:

“The first round of Presidential elections in the Republic of Guinea was a crucial step in furthering the country’s democratisation process. I welcome all the efforts undertaken by the Transition authorities to organise these elections in a very short timeframe and I congratulate the Guinean voters for showing their commitment to this process in a peaceful manner.

The European Union recognises the challenging environment in which these elections took place. I call upon the citizens and political actors in Guinea to remain committed to a responsible attitude in view of a possible second round.

The European Union remains firmly engaged in supporting the Republic of Guinea in its current transition towards the establishment of legitimate institutions. The deployment of a European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) is a further manifestation of this support. I thank the Head of mission and his team for the work done so far. The mission will continue its assessment and will remain in the country until the end of the electoral process.”

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