



**European Union
Election Observation Mission**
Republic of Angola
Legislative Elections

The European Union has deployed an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to the Republic of Angola for the legislative elections scheduled for 5 September 2008.

The people working for the EU EOM

The EU Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) is headed by the Chief Observer, Ms. Luisa Morgantini, who is an Italian Member of the European Parliament.

A core team of eight election experts from five different EU member states arrived in Luanda on 29 July to set up and co-ordinate the mission. The core team analyses political, electoral and legal issues and is supported by logistical and security experts.



Chief Observer
Luisa Morgantini

The mission has 40 long-term observers from 15 different EU member states as well as Norway and Switzerland. They observe the electoral process in their area and report back to the core team in Luanda.

Around 50 short-term observers will join the mission shortly before the elections. On election day they will observe voting and counting in polling stations throughout the country.

The EU EOM will stay in Angola for a few weeks after election day.

The mandate of the EU EOM

The EU was invited to set up an EOM for the elections in Angola by the Government of the Republic of Angola and the National Electoral Commission (CNE).

The mission's mandate is to observe all aspects of the electoral process and assess the extent to which the election complies with international and regional standards for elections, as well as with domestic law.

The EU EOM is independent from the European Commission Delegation to Angola and EU member states.

The EU EOM will observe the entire election process including:

- the legal framework and its implementation
- the work of the election administration
- campaign activities
- the role of State institutions and civil society
- the conduct of the media
- voting, counting and tabulation, and
- the environment in which the election is being conducted.

The EU EOM will publish its findings shortly after the election.

EU EOM uses the following assessment criteria during its observation of an electoral process:

- the degree of impartiality shown by the election administration;
- the degree of freedom of political parties and candidates to assemble and express their views;
- the fairness of access to state resources during the election;
- the universal franchise afforded to voters;
- the degree of access for political parties and candidates to the media, in particular the state media;
- the conduct of polling and counting of votes;
- any other issue which concerns the democratic nature of the election (e.g. campaign violence; rule of law; legal framework).

Background to EU Election Observation

The EU has an established methodology for observing elections. Observers cannot interfere in the electoral process and have no authority to change or correct any shortcomings. All EU election observers are bound by a strict code of conduct that guarantees their neutrality and impartiality.

The EU EOM is funded under the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).

The main objectives of election observation are:

- to enhance public confidence in the electoral process
- to promote the transparency of the electoral process
- to strengthen respect for human rights and the rule of law
- to contribute to resolution of conflict

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