



EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION  
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## Press Release

### European Union Extend Election Observation to the Provinces

**Angola, 10 August 2008** – With the arrival of 40 long-term observers the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) extend its presence to Angola's provinces. The observers from 16 EU Member States, as well as Norway and Switzerland, join the EU EOM led by Luisa Morgantini from Italy, who is the Vice-President of the European Parliament.

On 12 August the observers will be deployed in teams of two across the country in order to observe the electoral preparations as well as the election process in all 18 provinces of Angola, with two teams staying in Luanda.

*“The long-term observers will conduct a comprehensive analysis of the electoral process in their area before, during and after election day,”* said Chief Observer, Luisa Morgantini. *“They will not just be confined to the district capitals, but will cover the rural areas as well.”*

Around 60 short-term observers are due to join the mission shortly before Election Day, including seven Members of the European Parliament. They will be deployed to the capital as well as to the provinces in order to observe the voting and counting processes. In total, the EUEOM will be made up of more than 100 persons from 20 EU countries, as well as Norway and Switzerland. Thus being the biggest international observation mission in Angola.

All EU observers are bound by an internationally accepted code of conduct as well as the Angolan code of conduct for election observation. This means that they maintain strict neutrality in the course of their work and cannot interfere in any way in the electoral process.

#### **FOR THE ATTENTION OF TV CREWS AND PICTURE EDITORS:**

**There will be an opportunity to take pictures of the long-term observers leaving the Aldeamento da Mulemba for the provinces between 0700 and 0800 on the morning of 12 August.**

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