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40 MORE OBSERVERS JOIN THE EU ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION

Luanda, 25 August 2008 – 40 European Union Short-Term Observers (STO) arrive on 27 August in Angola to observe the Legislative Elections scheduled for 5 September. They join the Core Team of eight electoral experts, based in Luanda since 29 July, and the 40 Long-Term Observers who are already on the ground since 12 August. The STO will be deployed over the election period to observe voting, counting and tabulation of the results. The Head of the European Union Election Observation Mission (EUEOM) is Ms. Luisa Morgantini from Italy, who is the Vice President of the European Parliament.

On 28 August the Short-Term Observers will receive an extensive briefing on the electoral process from the Core Team in order to prepare for election observation in the provinces. On 29 August they will depart for their election observation work in the provinces.

Another 20 short-term observers are due to join the mission shortly before election day, including seven Members of the European Parliament and around 13 locally recruited observers from European member state embassies in Luanda. They will be deployed to the capital as well as to the provinces. In total, the EUEOM will be made up of more than 100 persons from 20 EU countries, as well as Norway and Switzerland.

The European Union has established this election observation mission on invitation of the National Election Commission and the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Angola. The EU Election Observation Mission will give its preliminary assessment of the election at a press conference in Luanda two days after election day, on 7 August. A more comprehensive, final report will be published within two months after the elections.

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