

[EU observer mission head: Angolan election process exemplary way for Africa](#)

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LUANDA, Sept. 6 (Xinhua) — The electoral process in Angola is taking place in an exemplary way for Africa, similar to what happens in European countries, head of the European Union (EU) observer mission, Luisa Morgantini has said.

After inspecting eight polling stations in the capital Luanda on Friday, she told reporters that “everyone wants to vote without fear. It is positive and shows the normality of the process.” The EU observer mission head said she had observed mutual respect among citizens, either in the political campaign phase or in the voting process as people are behaving in a civic manner. However, she admitted she was disappointed at the delay registered in the opening of some polling stations in Luanda.

According to Matundu Vita, head of the Information Office of the Angola Press Center, voting at 320 polling stations in Luanda did not finish on Friday evening due to the delay of ballots because of transportation problem. But he added that voting resumed at the 320 polling stations in Samba, Cacuaco and Kilamba Kiaix districts on Saturday and are scheduled to complete at 7 p.m. (1800 GMT).

He told Xinhua that voting in Angola’s other 17 provinces completed on schedule on Friday. Compared with the 12,274 polling stations in the country, voting delay in the 320 polling stations is normal. Voting in Angola as a whole is underway smoothly and peacefully, he said. Over 8.2 million Angolans registered for the elections and cast their votes at 12,274 polling stations across the country. To show the world that Angola pursues democracy, the government also invited 1,200 foreign observers from 17 international organizations and 10 countries to follow up the elections. Fourteen out of Angola’s 150 political parties and coalitions took part in the elections to vie for 220 parliamentary seats.

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