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ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF THE EISA ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN LIBERIA

The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) announces the arrival of its election observation mission in Liberia to observe the 10 October 2017 General Election. The EISA mission is in Liberia to conduct an independent assessment of the electoral process and contribute to its integrity through its findings and recommendations. EISA has been involved in Liberia's electoral processes since 2011, when it deployed its first technical observation mission in the country. EISA conducted a pre-election needs assessment mission from 11 to 15 September 2017.

The EISA mission is led by Her Excellency Aminata Touré, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal supported by the Deputy Mission Leader, Mr Denis Kadima, the EISA Executive Director. The mission is comprised of 14 observers drawn from Civil Society Organisations and Election Management Bodies from 12 African countries¹. The mission will base its assessment on the OAU/AU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections, the standards and obligations stipulated in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, the ECOWAS Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, the Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation (PEMMO) and the International Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation.

EISA observers will follow pre-polling, election day and post-polling activities in Bong, Nimba, Grand Bassa, Montserrado and Grand Cape Mount. On 12 October 2017, the EISA mission will issue a preliminary statement on its findings and recommendations on the electoral process. The mission will remain in Liberia until 14 October 2017.

The EISA Mission Secretariat is located at the Boulevard Palace Hotel, Room 1008 in Monrovia.

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