



**INTERNATIONAL ELECTORAL OBSERVATION MISSIONS CALL FOR PEACE
FOLLOWING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

KINSHASA, 22 DECEMBER 2018

We, the Heads of International Electoral Observation Missions present for the 2018 Presidential, Legislative, and Provincial Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):

1. Note the decision of the National Independent Electoral Commission (CENI) on 20 December 2018 to postpone the date of the Presidential, Legislative and Provincial Elections to 30 December 2018;
2. Acknowledge CENI's commitment to manage and facilitate the holding of peaceful and credible elections;
3. Urge all stakeholders including political parties to support CENI to ensure that the electoral process reaches a conclusion and that the integrity of the process is safeguarded;
4. Further urge all political leaders and other stakeholders to promote an environment that is conducive for the holding of democratic elections;
5. Encourage all stakeholders to resolve grievances peacefully and through established legal avenues;
6. Reaffirm our commitment to stand in solidarity with the Congolese people throughout this electoral process.



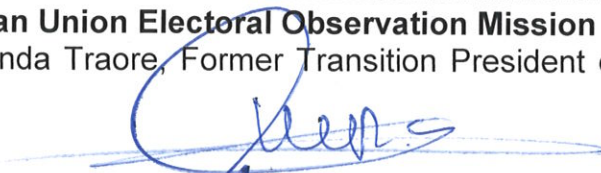
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Honourable Professor Joseph Owona, Former Minister, Secretary General of the Presidency, Republic of Cameroon



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Honourable Jean Apollinaire Tsiba, Member of Parliament, Republic of Congo



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