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ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF THE EISA ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) announces the arrival of its election observation mission (EOM) in the United Republic of Tanzania to observe the 28 October 2020 General Elections. The EISA EOM is in Tanzania at the invitation of the National Elections Commission (NEC), to conduct an independent assessment of the electoral process.

The mission is comprised of 14 international observers drawn from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Election Management Bodies (EMBs) from across Africa. The EISA EOM is led by Ms Pansy Dikeledi Tlakula, former Chairperson, Electoral Commission of South Africa. She is deputised by EISA's Senior Manager for Governance Institutions and Political Processes, Mr Grant Masterson and supported by a coordination team and a technical team. This IEOM is the 4th to be deployed by EISA in Tanzania since the 1999 elections.

The mission will base its assessment on the legal framework governing elections in the United Republic of Tanzania and 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 be deployed to seven (7) regions in mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar to observe key processes beginning with the electoral campaigns, pre-polling activities, election day and post-polling activities. On 30 October 2020, the EISA EOM will prepare a statement on its preliminary findings and recommendations on the electoral process up to the voting and counting phases.

The mission will remain in Dar es Salaam until 2 November 2020.

For further information, please contact the Mission Coordinator, Ms Lenny Taabu +255 756818610.

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