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European Union Election Observation Mission to deploy in Tain constituency

Accra, 31 December 2008: The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Ghana is to deploy 26 observers to the Tain constituency in Brong Ahafo region to observe voting in the second round of the presidential elections scheduled for 2 January 2009.

The Tain constituency was the only constituency in which the election could not take place on 28 December 2008 due to logistical problems encountered by the Electoral Commission in the distribution of ballot papers. The Electoral Commission announced on 30 December 2008 that due to the closeness in the results of the second round of the presidential run-off, elections would be held in the Tain constituency to determine the winner of the presidential elections.

“It is now very important that Ghana’s political leaders, the political parties and supporters exercise maximum restraint and reiterate their confidence in the work of the Electoral Commission” EU Chief Observer Nickolay Mladenov stated. “Ghana has been an example of democratic elections in the past 15 years. Now the people of Ghana have an opportunity to prove their political maturity and democratic credentials by ensuring that the election on 2 January 2009 are carried out with the same degree of transparency and openness as the previous elections.”

The EU EOM will also be observing the auditing exercise of certain results as announced by the Electoral Commission.

Within two months of the conclusion of the electoral process, the Chief Observer will return to Ghana to present a detailed report on the elections with possible recommendations to the Electoral Commission.

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