

Statement on the local elections of 11 October in Mozambique

With regard to the recent local elections in Mozambique, IDC - Africa recognises the fundamental importance of the democratic process and the right of citizens to choose their local representatives. It is with concern that we note the challenges raised by the opposition in relation to these elections.

We believe that the transparency and integrity of the electoral process are essential to strengthening citizens' trust in democratic institutions.

We urge all parties involved to resolve differences peacefully, respecting democratic principles and the rule of law. We encourage constructive dialogue between the government and the opposition, with a view to addressing the concerns raised and finding solutions that promote stability and unity in Mozambique.

We reaffirm our commitment to supporting democratic development in Mozambique and urge local authorities to ensure justice and fairness in electoral processes, guaranteeing that all citizens have equal opportunities to express their political preferences freely.

Political stability and citizen participation are fundamental to the growth and progress of Mozambique and Africa as a whole. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and support all efforts to promote democracy, peace and prosperity in the country.

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