



**STATEMENT BY
HIS EXCELLENCY EMMERSON D. MNANGAGWA,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE, AND
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SADC ORGAN ON POLITICS, DEFENCE AND
SECURITY COOPERATION
FOLLOWING THE 15 OCTOBER, 2019 PRESIDENTIAL, LEGISLATIVE AND
PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

1. SADC deployed its Electoral Observation Mission (SEOM) to the Republic of Mozambique's 15th October, 2019 Presidential, Legislative and Provincial Elections in line with its revised SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections (2015).
2. SADC issued a Preliminary Statement on 17th October 2019, and commended the people of Mozambique for exercising their democratic right to vote, and for their peaceful and orderly conduct in the immediate pre-election period.
3. The SADC Electoral Observation Mission continues with the Post-Election Phase observations, and the SEOM's Final Report for the 15th October, 2019 Presidential, Legislative and Provincial Elections will be issued after concluding the Post Election observations.
4. SADC reiterates its call to all stakeholders to remain patient and calm while the results continue to be compiled for the final validation and proclamation by the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Mozambique.
5. SADC further encourages contesting political parties and other stakeholders to observe the spirit of the Peace and National Reconciliation Agreement of 6th August, 2019, and maintain peace and stability, which is important not only for the Republic of Mozambique, but also for the entire SADC region.
6. In the event of electoral disputes, SADC further urges all political parties and contestants to resort to relevant legal mechanisms for the settlement of electoral disputes, including the District Judicial Courts, and the Constitutional Council, and appeals to Judicial institutions to determine electoral disputes within established timelines.
7. SADC reaffirms its support and commitment to the enhancement of democracy in Mozambique and the region as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmerson D. Mnangagwa', with the date '17/10/19' written below it.

**His Excellency Emmerson D. Mnangagwa,
President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, and
the Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation**