



**EU Election Observation Mission  
Republic of Rwanda 2008**



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Kigali 15 August 2008

The Chairman  
Prof. Chrysologue Karangwa  
National Election Commission  
Kigali

Dear Sir,

The European Union Election Observation Mission to Rwanda (EU EOM) would like to thank you for the open, frank and constructive discussions held at your offices on 13 August 2008.

Following the invitation by the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to the European Commission to deploy an EU Election Observation Mission to observe the September parliamentary election, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the National Election Commission and the European Commission.

Our Mission welcomes your ongoing commitment to this Memorandum of Understanding signed by you agreeing to, in particular:

“In the framework of their observation mandate, the members of the EU EOM will enjoy freedom of movement throughout the country without the need for prior permission or notification. They will have freedom of access to all political parties, candidates and election officials, as well as representatives from civil society and voters.”

“The Electoral Commission will guarantee to the EU EOM and its members freedom of access to all bodies and meetings of the electoral administration as well as to all relevant information on the electoral process during the whole period of its presence in Rwanda.”

We equally welcome your encouragement to our observers to gain an understanding of the political structure, culture and history of your country.

The EU EOM would like to assure you that our observers are bound by the *International Code of Conduct for International Election Observation* (UN 2005) and act at all times within the mandate and methodology of the EU EOM and the Memorandum of Understanding signed by yourself and the Head of EC Delegation to Rwanda in July 2008.

We look forward to maintaining a positive working relationship with officials of the NEC at all levels.

Yours sincerely,

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