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COUNCIL MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE EAST & HORN OF AFRICA ELECTION OBSERVERS NETWORK (E-HORN)

The East and Horn of Africa Election Observers Network held its 3rd Council meeting at Ole Sereni Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya on 28th November 2018 to deliberate on the strategies and action plan for the 2019-2022 period. Council members include: Tanzania Election Monitoring Committee (TEMCO) represented in the meeting by Dr. Audax Kweyamba, Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU) represented by Crispin Kaheru, South Sudanese Network for Democratic Elections (SSUNDE) represented by Lony Ruot, Elections Observation Group (ELOG) represented by Regina Opondo, Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) represented by Carol Werunga and Sudanese Group for Democracy and Elections (SuGDE), who sent their apologies for the meeting.

Having recently adopted its Constitution whose objects support solidarity, peer learning and advocacy on improving regional electoral practices, E-HORN elected its substantive office bearers who will be the Coordinating Committee for the next 3 years as follows:

- **Chair (organization):** CCEDU, Uganda
- **Deputy:** SSUNDE, South Sudan
- **Treasurer:** TEMCO, Tanzania

- **Secretary: ELOG, Kenya**

Mr Crispin Kaheru of CCEDU was therefore declared the new Chairperson of E-HORN and will lead the network in implementing its mandate for the next regional electoral cycle.

The Council identified the following key areas as its focus for the new term:

- Activate country forums in all the member countries;
- Support joint regional election observation and technical mission;
- Promote partnership with relevant regional bodies and organizations;
- Establish contact with prospective members in Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Puntland, Eritrea and Djibouti

In respect to the above, the Coordinating Committee under the leadership of the Chair will be engaging development partners, regional governmental agencies and other related actors for partnership and support.

Signed



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