



Media Release

Statement by the SADC Secretariat following the Publication of Provisional Results of the 2018 Presidential Election in Madagascar

Gaborone, Botswana, 19th November, 2018: The Southern African Development Community (SADC) welcomes the publication of provisional results released by the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) on 17th November, 2018, following the first round of voting in the 2018 Presidential Election held on 7th November, 2018 in Madagascar.

SADC commends CENI for releasing the provisional results and for the work the commission has done so far. We further congratulate the Malagasy people and all political stakeholders for conducting themselves in an orderly and peaceful manner before, during and after the first round of voting in the Presidential Election.

As Madagascar prepares for the second round of voting in the Presidential Election scheduled for 19th December, 2018, we appeal to political stakeholders and all Malagasy people to ensure that the same peaceful atmosphere that was experienced in the first round of voting should prevail, so that people can exercise their democratic right to freely choose their leaders.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and commend the SADC Special Envoy to Madagascar, His Excellency Joaquim Chissano, Former President of Mozambique, for his exemplary leadership, commitment and continued effort, working alongside various stakeholders to find long lasting solutions to the political challenges in Madagascar.

SADC reiterates its unwavering commitment to support the electoral process in Madagascar, guided by the revised SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections (2015). Beyond these elections, SADC stands ready to work with the Malagasy people with an ultimate aim of securing long term political stability and sustainable development in Madagascar.

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