



**EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION
THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
General Elections 2007**

Advance party of European Union electoral experts arrives in Nairobi

Nairobi, Tuesday 20 November 2007 - Following an invitation from the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Electoral Commission of Kenya, an advance party of EU electoral experts has arrived in the country to set up and co-ordinate an EU Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) for the general elections scheduled to take place on 27 December 2007.

This advance group is made up of a core team of 11 experts from seven different EU member states, who are based at offices in Rhapta Road, Westlands, Nairobi.

The mission will be headed by Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, Member of the European Parliament. Graf Lambsdorff, who is from Germany, will be arriving in Kenya on Saturday 24 November and a press conference will be held to open the mission in the Ballroom of the Norfolk Hotel, Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi on Tuesday 27 November at 10.30am.

The core team of the EU EOM looks forward to meeting with government officials, election administrators, candidates, political parties, the media, civil society organizations and others involved in the elections. The EU EOM invites these groups to contact it at any time to share information, views or concerns.

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