

**RESOLUTION ON THE HOLDING OF AUTONOMOUS ELECTION
OBSERVATION MISSIONS**

The Pan-African Parliament,

Considering that elections are an essential element of democracy enabling the deep aspirations of African peoples to be met;

Considering that elections in Africa must comply with the universal principle of transparency and that the organization of proper elections constitutes a guarantee of stability and peace;

Considering that the Pan-African Parliament has in the past carried out election observation missions that were unanimously believed to be independent and credible;

Taking into consideration that the participation of the Pan-African Parliament in joint election observation missions under the aegis of the African Union Commission does not conform to its mandate;

Calls for the institution of autonomous election observation missions.

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