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EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION DISPATCHES LONG TERM OBSERVERS AROUND THE COUNTRY

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The European Union EOM has today dispatched most of the 36 Long Term observers, and 8 field staff around the country, as part of a 120-strong team to observe the Presidential and Provincial Council Elections in Afghanistan. The LTOs will spend some six weeks in the field. They will be based in 8 regional hubs, from where they will observe electoral activities in most of the 34 provinces of Afghanistan.

The EU was invited by the Government of Afghanistan to observe this year's elections, based on the European Union's commitment to Afghanistan's democratic development, its established methodology and its extensive experience observing elections around the world.

The European Union Election Observation Mission will be the largest international observer group in Afghanistan.

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