

Resolution on Transparency in the electoral process as a challenge on the Africa continent

Considering that the transparent electoral process is of paramount importance for the existence of democracy and for its roots and development;

Recognizing that transparency in the electoral process is a major challenge on the African continent;

Understanding that we must consider and discuss the need to combat and curb these practices, to ensure the credibility of African democracies, fundamental to its development;

According to the principles and values defended by IDC:

It is necessary to condemn and reject those actions that may hinder the free exercising of the right to vote, either by altering the registration procedures, or by providing favours or special privileges to any of the parties involved in the electoral process;

All forms of corruption intended to rig the process must be repudiated, especially those involving the preparation of electoral rolls, using state funds to benefit either side, and those resorting to voter intimidation;

Reiterating that in Africa, many countries experience high levels of corruption, are lacking in freedom of the press, civil liberties, and justice that is independent of power interests, suffering from a clear expansion of Islamic terrorism;

These situations are due to the lack of a developed and active democracy that benefits all of its citizens and not only a select few.

We call for strong advocacy to strengthen the independence, exemption and impartiality of the electoral administration by improving mechanisms to ensure trust in the same; by shielding it from any types of fraud and corruption, ensuring the effectiveness of electoral justice and the exemplary punishment of electoral crimes through the effective and expressive participation of impartial electorate observers.