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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSION

FINAL STATEMENT

Following the sixth municipal elections, held on 11 October 2023, the National Political Commission met in an extended Extraordinary Meeting, where it analysed the course of the voting and the count.

From the analysis, the following findings were made:

1. In several municipalities, the voter rolls that were given to the political parties were different from those that were at the polling stations, which prevented the party monitors from accompanying and controlling the voting;
2. In almost all the municipalities, during the count, when the results were giving a large advantage to Renamo, the police invaded the polling stations with shots and launching tear gas to interrupt the counting under way. They then collected the ballot boxes, the polling station minutes and the results sheets (“editais”), taking them to unknown locations without being accompanied by the party monitors, the polling station staff and the observers;
3. In the municipalities where RENAMO won the elections, the chairpersons of the polling stations were instructed not to fill in the minutes and the results sheets;
4. In almost all the municipalities the chairpersons of the polling stations were instructed not to deliver the minutes and the results sheets to the RENAMO monitors;

5. The Police illegally detained representatives of RENAMO, including election agents, in several municipalities;
6. In almost all the municipalities the minutes and the results sheets were not posted, or they were torn up after they had been posted;
7. In many municipalities there was no intermediate count: the District Commissions simply announced forged results;
8. In almost all the municipalities, STAE undertook the intermediate count outside of the places previously established and agreed and without the presence of the representatives of RENAMO;
9. In almost all the municipalities, STAE produced new minutes and results that were falsified and obliged the chairpersons of the polling stations to sign them;
10. In many municipalities, STAE erased the minutes and the results sheets because the results showed victories for RENAMO;
11. In many municipalities hundreds of ballot papers were discovered and denounced that had been filled in for Frelimo, in advance of the vote.

Furthermore, the National Political Commission found:

1. RENAMO was duly prepared for the current municipal elections
2. RENAMO controlled the voting in all the municipalities, which dictated its victory;
3. RENAMO undertook a parallel count in all the municipalities which guaranteed the truth expressed in the ballot boxes;
4. Our victory is based on evidence of the minutes and results sheets produced and signed at the polling stations;
5. The environment of violence created by the Mozambique Republic Police is a real liquidation of democracy in Mozambique;
6. The gigantic fraud, and the manipulation of the election results seeks to create a climate of war so that Mr Filipe Jacinto Nyusi and the Frelimo party remain in power illegitimately.

In conclusion, the National Political Commission noted, with much satisfaction, that RENAMO won the municipal elections.

We therefore publicly express our thanks to all the municipal citizens for their vote and trust deposited in RENAMO.

Faced with this scenario of true denial of free, fair and transparent elections and of the truth expressed at the ballot box, the National Political Commission decides:

1. Not to accept, and to repudiate, all the election results that are being divulged;
2. To call on all Mozambicans, particularly the citizens of the 65 municipalities, to join a general demonstration to reject any manipulation of the results, as from 17 October of this year.
3. To submit appeals to the competent insitutions;
4. To urge Mozambican civil society, the religious organisations and the international community to act urgently and vigorously so as to block this manipulation of the election results;
5. To demand from the CNE a public explanation for the various crimes committed while it watched on calmly;
6. To hold the electoral bodies responsible for the mismanagement and the conduct of the elections;
7. To demand an audit of the origin and authorship of the parallel ballot papers used for ballot box stuffing;
8. To hold the President of the Republic and the Mozambique Republic Police responsible for any instability and social convulsion resulting from the electoral fraud.
9. To make contact with the Diplomatic Corps and with Civil Society Organisations to request their intervention so as to avoid the present political crisis.

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