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**The European Union Election Observation Mission – Honduras 2025
presented its final report with 24 recommendations**

Tegucigalpa, 3 March 2026 – The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM), led by MEP Francisco Assis, presented its final report on the general elections held on 30 November 2025 in a press conference today.

The report is based on over two months of observation across the country and provides a comprehensive analysis of the entire electoral process. In accordance with its mandate, it includes 24 recommendations aimed at strengthening and improving future electoral processes. These recommendations are based on international commitments to democratic elections that Honduras has signed.

During this last visit to Honduras, the EU EOM is meeting with stakeholders involved in the electoral process to exchange views on the final report and discuss ways of implementing the recommendations.

Chief Observer Francisco Assis said: *“At a time when there is a broad consensus on the need for electoral reform, the EU EOM’s recommendations can offer a constructive contribution to the ongoing debate”*, and added: *“The European Union stands ready to support Honduras in implementing these recommendations to strengthen future election processes”*.

The report contains 24 recommendations, seven of which are considered as priority:

1. Congress to undertake a process of electoral legal reform well in advance of the next elections, in consultation with the electoral institutions and civil society, to address inconsistencies and shortcomings of the current legislation as well as the timeframes for electoral authorities to publish all necessary implementing regulations.
2. Strengthen the institutional capacity, independence and public accountability of the National Electoral Council (CNE) to protect it from political parties’ interference and ensure the efficient, timely, and impartial administration of elections, including internal safeguards to prevent politically-motivated paralysis.
3. Implement an effective CNE institutional communication strategy to ensure consistent and timely external communication, thereby strengthening public confidence and improving responsiveness to disinformation. This should also include the prompt publication of all decisions and continuous public information dissemination, particularly in the pre- and post-electoral periods.
4. Create a safe and intimidation-free media environment for all actors, including adequate protection of journalists at risk.
5. Ensure effective implementation by political parties of the gender parity and alternation requirements at all levels of candidacy, supported by enforcement mechanisms and sanctions for non-compliance.
6. Both state authorities and political parties to consider adopting policies and mechanisms to effectively prevent and address gender-based political violence within the public political sphere and within political party structures.



7. Strengthen the CNE's ownership and control of the results management system, for example by developing a robust results management system in house, instead of relying on external companies. The resulting system should be developed, tested and audited sufficient time ahead of the next elections and should comply with the highest standards on transparency.

On 5 March, the EU EOM will organise a workshop to discuss the recommendations and future electoral processes with Honduran state authorities, electoral institutions, political parties, media and civil society organisations.

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Following an invitation from the Government of Honduras and the National Electoral Council, the European Union deployed an Election Observation Mission to Honduras to observe the 30 November 2025 general elections. The EU EOM was present in the country from 11 October to 22 December and deployed 138 observers from 26 EU Member States, as well as Canada and Norway, across all departments of Honduras.

All statements of the Mission and its final report can be found here:

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