



**EISA TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT MISSION TO  
THE 2012 CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF  
EGYPT**

**ARRIVAL STATEMENT**

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In recognition of the importance of the constitution making process as one of the fundamental elements of democratisation, the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) announces the deployment of a Technical Assessment Mission to the 2012 Constitutional Referendum in the Arab Republic of Egypt which will take place on 15 and 22 December 2012.

The decision to deploy a technical assessment mission in place of a fully fledged election witnessing mission is necessitated by the political uncertainty preceding the referendum and the late issuance of the decree permitting independent witnesses to observe the process. Within the limits of the authorisation granted to independent witnesses, the EISA Mission, which is comprised of thirteen (13) witnesses, will follow the polling, counting, aggregation and appeal processes in five Governorates during the first phase and six Governorates during the second phase of the Referendum.

The EISA Mission will issue a preliminary statement on its assessment of the referendum at the end of the process and it will issue a detailed final report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations within two months after the referendum. The Mission's assessment of the referendum will be based on the Egyptian legal framework governing the referendum, the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, the African Union Declaration of the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa, the Declaration of Principles on International Election Observation and the Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation (PEMMO).

EISA has been present in Egypt since November 2011 and deployed witnesses during the parliamentary and presidential elections that were held between November 2011 and June 2012.

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