Conakry, 14 September 2015 - The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Union, the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF), and the United Nations (UN) welcome the launch of the electoral campaign in Guinea, ahead of the 11 October 2015 presidential poll.

This step of the electoral process is essential for the consolidation of democratic gains in Guinea.

The people of Guinea seek to participate to credible, inclusive and peaceful elections, in the spirit of the agreement of the inter-Guinean political dialogue signed on 20 August 2015. In this regard, we encourage all political parties to work towards a peaceful environment as the presidential poll approaches.

We call in particular on candidates for restraint and mutual respect, and to avoid the use of provocative and defamatory declarations. We also encourage them to instruct their supporters to maintain a peaceful environment in order to prevent any acts of violence.

ECOWAS, AU, OIF and the UN remain engaged to provide their support for peaceful elections in Guinea.