



PEACE, PROSPERITY AND  
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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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For immediate release

### **Supreme Court Decision on Presidential Election in Kenya**

*Djibouti, Djibouti, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017:* Following the decision of the Supreme Court of Kenya of September 1<sup>st</sup> on the 2017 presidential election, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) appreciates the people and political leadership for choosing to exercise their rights through rule of law and fidelity to the constitution.

The people of Kenya have demonstrated a high level of democratic maturity that will be an example to the world. IGAD urges all Kenyans to avoid any form of polarization in the lead to the fresh elections within 60 days and appeals for maintenance of peace as they continue to shape their future.

It would be recalled that IGAD observed the election on 8 August 2017 and upholds that it was conducted in a peaceful, orderly and transparent manner. In its preliminary report, our IGAD Electoral Observer Mission had urged the political players to resolve their disputes, if any, through peaceful means and abide by the rule of law.

IGAD recognizes the unprecedented nature of the court decision and further appreciates the statement that President Uhuru Kenyatta made thereafter.

The regional organization acknowledges that this is the truest test of civility and democracy that Kenyan people have shown in exercising their constitutional rights in a peaceful and cooperative manner.

IGAD pledges to continue supporting all its member states and remains committed to the promotion of democratic principles in the region.

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