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Statement of the Embassy of the United States on Guinea's September 28, 2013 Legislative Elections

The U.S. Embassy in Conakry congratulates the people of Guinea for their calm and dignified commitment to the democratic process. U.S. Embassy teams visited some 200 voting centers on election day, and saw that citizens lined up patiently to exercise their right to vote, in many cases walking great distances, waiting in the heat and rain, and helping friends and neighbors.

We call on the people of Guinea to continue to show the same calm, dignity and patriotism as the results are announced and certified. If there are disputes, they will need to be addressed via the established mechanisms.

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The political party and civil society observers made a strong contribution to the process, helping in voter education and in encouraging people to vote. Observers worked together across party lines in every step of the process. Poll workers were professional and courteous, staying on the job until the last ballots were cast.

The Guinean security services helped facilitate voting at the 12,000 polling stations, providing effective support while ensuring the rights of all voters.

Based on our observation, we believe that the voting was free, fair, and inclusive. Some technical and logistical problems -- arising from the poor state of Guinea's infrastructure -- were noted, but those challenges affected all parties equally.

Like the people of Guinea, we are awaiting the results and stand ready to help build the capacity of the new National Assembly.

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