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## MISSÃO DE OBSERVAÇÃO ELEITORAL DA UNIÃO EUROPEIA



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## **Press statement**

Maputo, 19 October 2024 - The Chief of the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) in Mozambique, Laura Ballarín, strongly supports HRVP Josep Borrell's statement condemning the killing of Elvino Dias, legal advisor to Presidential candidate Venâncio Mondlane, and opposition politician Paulo Guambe.

"In a democracy, there is no place for politically motivated killings", said Mr. Borrell in his statement, and he added: "The EU calls for utmost restraint by all, and for respect of fundamental freedoms and political rights. In addition, strong protection measures of all candidates in this post-electoral period are crucial".

Laura Ballarín also stated that: "The European Union Election Observation Mission calls on the competent national authorities to swiftly investigate this heinous act, identify the perpetrators and hold them accountable".

The EU EOM remains in the country assessing the ongoing electoral process. The EU expects the Election Management Bodies to conduct the full process with all the necessary due diligence and transparency, respecting the will expressed by the people of Mozambique.

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