

Congratulating Kenyan people on peaceful elections, UN chief stresses dialogue to ease tensions

12 August 2017 – United Nations [Secretary-General](#) António Guterres congratulated today the people of Kenya for their peaceful participation in the presidential elections, and, stresses the importance of dialogue to defuse tensions, called on the political leaders to send clear messages to their supporters urging them to refrain from violence in the wake of the polls.

A statement issued by UN Spokesman Stéphane Dujarric said the Secretary-General has [taken note](#) of the provisional results of the presidential election in Kenya, and of the announcement by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) of Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta as President-elect.

“He calls on those political leaders disputing the elections results to address election-related disputes through the relevant constitutionally mandated institutions,” said the Spokesman, adding that Mr. Guterres also called on the political leaders to send clear messages to their supporters urging them to refrain from violence.

According to the statement, the UN, in close collaboration with the African Union and other multilateral and bilateral partners, is fully engaged with Kenya’s political leadership and relevant stakeholders to facilitate the successful conclusion of the electoral process.