<u>Declaration by the High Representative</u> <u>on behalf of the European Union on the</u> <u>general elections in Bolivia</u>

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The European Union congratulates Luis Arce on his election as President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia in the general elections held on 18 October. It also pays tribute to the people of Bolivia who have shown a strong commitment to electoral democracy by turning out in high numbers despite the COVID-related challenges and peacefully exercising their democratic rights.

We commend all of the actors who contributed to a peaceful electoral process, allowing Bolivians to vote freely.

The EU continues to stand by Bolivia and looks forward to working with the newly elected authorities towards the consolidation of prosperity and stability of the country, in a spirit of reconciliation, unity and inclusiveness.

The EU is a long standing partner of Bolivia and will continue to support its democratic institutions, the reinforcement of the rule of Law, human rights and its economic and social development.