

# UK statement ahead of the Presidential Elections in Guinea on 18 October 2020.



Minister for Africa, James Duddridge said:

“As Guinea goes to the polls on Sunday, we urge all parties to ensure that the presidential elections are conducted in a peaceful, transparent and credible manner. The UK is a friend of Guinea. We want to support Guinea in protecting democracy and to promote good governance.

“We are concerned by the violence and loss of life in Guinea following the legislative elections and referendum in March. Recent violence has exacerbated these concerns. We urge the Guinean authorities to ensure that deaths are properly investigated.

“We call on all parties to reduce tension, engage in constructive dialogue, and refrain from violence. Doing so will ensure the people of Guinea can enjoy the benefits of a free and democratic society.”

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