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# PLANETE PAIX'S REPORT ON LOCAL ELECTIONS OBSERVATION MISSION, OCTOBER 13, 2018

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PLANETE PAIX deployed about sixty observers for local elections, October 13, 2018, in the District of Abidjan, in Tonkpi, Cavally, Haut Sassandra, South Comoé, Nzi and Loh Djiboua Regions. The vote went well overall, despite some incidents. Voting took place in a relatively peaceful atmosphere, voters showed maturity, discipline and responsibility. There was a slight influx of polling stations. Election officials were present in almost all the polling stations. Electoral materials were available.

However, PLANETE PAIX noted with regret some incidents and malfunctions.

These are the delays observed in the opening of the polling stations. Some polling stations opened beyond 09 am. Others remained closed precisely in Port Bouët. Failures in the security system on the day of the vote have been noted. This partly explains why ballot boxes were taken away and broken. The finding of the absence of a sticker helped to sow doubt among voters. Electoral officials were unaware that the indelible ink marker had replaced the indelible ink used in past elections. This has been cause of tension. PLANETE PAIX also noted the failure of morpho tablets. In most of the centers visited the tablets remained unusable.

In addition, in some centers in Abobo, supervisors accompanied voters in the polling booth, thereby influencing voting.

In some centers observed ibidem, minutes were signed in advance. This was hotly contested by IEC representatives and party delegates in other centers where the parties eventually asked for the replacement of the contested minutes.

It should therefore be emphasized that the positioning of the voting booth could lead, as the picture below indicates in the **HAUT-SASSANDRA** Region, to interpretation and cast doubt on the secrecy of the vote:



PLANETE PAIX finally deplores, and is astonished, the unjust arrest of one of its observers in the exercise of its mission, and this, in disregard of the right to the image by the police officers of the 28 th arrondissement of Attécoubé located at SANTE 3. He was arrested at 10 : 20 am, led to the police station of the 28 th district of Attécoubé where he was detained until 7 : 30 pm disrupting his mission of observation while crushing his rights and freedoms. His release came following the interventions of the Central Chairman and the local Chairman of PLANETE PAIX who did not understand that such actions could be perpetrated by those who are supposed to protect our rights and freedoms. PLANETE PAIX would like to invite the competent authorities to take all the necessary measures to avoid such behavior which does not honor our security agents and which is likely to tarnish the image of our country.

In conclusion, PLANETE PAIX invites the state authorities to shed light on the deaths that occurred during the elections of October 13, 2018 and supports the grieving families while denouncing these ignoble, degrading and dirty acts for our democracy.

As a consequence, for democracy, transparent, peaceful, inclusive and participative elections PLANETE PAIX recommends that:

- Special emphasis should be put on training, capacity building of election officials, candidates' representatives, candidates by insisting on the code of ethics that guides the conduct of elections;
- The system of securing elections be reviewed in a concerted manner and accepted by all stakeholders in the electoral process;
- The security forces remain professional, impartial, neutral in the conduct of their missions;
- The institutions responsible for punishing deviant behavior and abuses in electoral matters take their responsibilities by effectively punishing the perpetrators of such behavior with impartiality and neutrality;
- Force be given to the Electoral Law in Côte d'Ivoire;
- A communication system as diverse as adapted to target audiences should be set up to explain, inform and train;
- Stakeholders in the electoral process be trained on their rights and duties in electoral matters;
- Electors or potential voters fully adhere to the electoral process through their effective participation in the process from enrollment on the electoral list to the vote of the candidate of their choice, regardless of any prejudice.



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# OBSERVATION IN IMAGES

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# COCODY





# LOH DJIBOUA







# PORT BOUËT





# TONKPI





# YOPOUGON

