



Joint Observer Media Statement

In response to an invitation by the Papua New Guinea and Autonomous Bougainville Governments, an international observer group will begin arriving in Bougainville on 9 May to observe the Autonomous Region of Bougainville's 2015 elections. The international team will join domestic observers to observe the electoral process across North, Central and South Bougainville.

The international observer group includes representatives from Australia, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the European Union, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The group will be assisted by the United Nations and will observe the elections from the open of polling on 11 May to the return of writs.

The observing nations, bodies and forums aim to support a fair, transparent and credible electoral process that reflects the will of the people of Bougainville.