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INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS SATISFIED WITH THE ORGANISATION OF IVORIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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The presidential election was well organised and generally satisfactory, according to international observers who held a meeting at the headquarters of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), on Sunday to assess the polling day.

As the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire had indicated earlier, the day was marked by order, calm and patience in the polling stations.

One after the other, the international observers made a partial evaluation of the situation, which was marked by a high turnout despite a few hiccups due to logistical reasons.

Observers from the African Union (AU), the International Organisation of Francophonie (OIF), the Carter Centre, the West African Economic and Monetary Union, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Groups of countries, the United States and Japan congratulated Ivorians and encouraged them to maintain the same attitude during the follow-up to the electoral process, particularly when the results are announced.