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The head of the African Union Election Observers Mission in Madagascar, as well as the Spokesperson of the observer mission is H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Fall. Born in 1942 in Tivaouane – Senegal, Prof. Fall is a Senegalese origin. He is married and is the father of five children.

Mr. Fall was Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs at United Nation Headquarters in New York from 1997 to 2002. Also he has served as Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and Director of the Centre for Human Rights in Geneva from 1992 to 1997, and Secretary-General of the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna in 1993.

From 1983 to 1984, Mr. Fall held the post of Minister for Higher Education of Senegal; and from 1984 to 1990 he was Minister for Foreign Affairs. In that capacity, he was Senegal's Chief Representative at various ministerial meetings of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the Non-Aligned Movement and the United Nations General Assembly. In 1986, Mr. Fall was Spokesman and Ministerial Coordinator for Africa during the special session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to the critical economic situation in Africa.

From 1972, Mr. Fall was Professor of International Public Law and Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Legal and Economic Sciences at the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar. From 1975 to 1981, he was Dean of the Faculty of the same University.

Mr. Fall was educated in Dakar and Paris. He earned an advanced degree in Public Law in 1968, an advanced degree in Political Science in 1969, the diploma of the Institute of Political Science of Paris in 1971, and a Ph.D in International Public Law from the University of Paris in 1972. He received the diploma of the Academy of International Law of The Hague in 1973, and the Aggregation in Public Law and Political Science in Paris in 1974.

Mr. Fall is also known for his numerous publications on international public law, constitutional law and political science. He took part in preparing the preliminary draft of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights of the OAU and is also a Founding Member and Honorary President of the Senegalese Association for African Unity. Furthermore he has worked as Special Envoy of the AUC Chairperson on the Guinean crisis until 2010. Mr. Fall has also served as a consultant and adviser for numerous other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.