

HRES 821

Urging the Government of Gabon to respect democratic principles during the August 2016 presidential elections.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 14, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Calls on the Gabonese government to:

- hold orderly, peaceful, free, and fair presidential elections in August 2016 in order to ensure stability and long-term growth of Gabon;
- guarantee fair and open participation of opposition parties; and
- guarantee the freedom of speech and assembly of all Gabonese citizens.

Encourages continued efforts toward the consolidation of democracy through increased dialogue and concrete actions to address the constitutional and legal framework of electoral systems.

Expresses support for Gabonese organizations that work to further strengthen democratic processes.

Calls on: (1) the citizens of Gabon to fully and peacefully participate in the presidential elections; and (2) the United States and other international partners to help create an environment that facilitates open communication, guarantees free and fair elections, encourages voter participation, and fosters a robust civil society.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Introduced in House
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