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**SUBJECT: EARLY ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

The Commission has noted with concern sustained campaigns by some political parties and aspirants outside the legally prescribed period. Some of the campaigns have been characterized by blatant acts of violence. The Commission is empowered by law to regulate campaigns upon commencement of the election period as outlined in the Elections Operations Plan (EOP). These early campaigns are undesirable and may upset the political environment in the lead up to the upcoming General Election.

The Commission has developed the General Election timelines that are espoused in the EOP with an outline of dates and days for each election activity. Notably, it is the publication of the Notice of the General Election that marks the commencement of the election period. Indeed, the Election Offences Act, 2016 and the Electoral Code of Conduct are enforceable only within the said election period.

Consequently, the Commission urges all Political Parties and aspirants to refrain from engaging in early campaigns prior to the General Election. Further the Commission requests all stakeholders in the electoral process to maintain a peaceful political environment conducive for secure and credible elections.

The Commission remains committed to delivering a free, fair and impartial 2022 General Election that meets the democratic aspirations of the people of Kenya.

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