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**NAIROBI, KENYA: WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON ELECTION ACTIVITIES**

The Commission wishes to update stakeholders and the public on the following:

**1. Submission of Names of Aspirants for Positions of President, County Governor and their Deputies**

The Commission set 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as the deadline for Political Parties and Independent Candidates to submit names of persons intending to participate in the August 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 General Election for the positions of President, Governor and their Deputies. At the expiry of the deadline, the Commission received the following:

**a. Presidential Aspirants**

A total of fifty-five (55) Presidential Aspirants, out of which fourteen (14) are political party Aspirants, one (1) being a coalition political party Aspirant and forty (40) independent candidate Aspirants.

**b. Gubernatorial Aspirants**

A total of two hundred and forty four (244) Gubernatorial Aspirants, out of which one hundred and sixty-seven (167) are political party Aspirants and seventy-seven (77) independent candidate Aspirants.

The Presidential and Gubernatorial Aspirants will be cleared as candidates by the Presidential Returning Officer and the County Returning Officers respectively, during the registration period, once their qualification to contest in the respective elective positions are ascertained.

**2. Registration of Aspirants as Candidates.**

The Commission's Returning Officers shall register candidates to contest for various elective seats in a candidate registration exercise that will run from the 29<sup>th</sup> of May to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Prior to the said registration, the Returning Officers shall hold pre-nomination meetings with Aspirants, to among others, brief them on the requirements and procedures for registration of candidates. In this regard, the Commission shall hold a pre-nomination meeting with all the Presidential Aspirants (or their authorized representatives) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022 at the

Bomas of Kenya from 8:00 am. Aspirants for the other elective positions will be informed of dates for pre-nomination meetings by their respective Returning Officers.

In addition, the Commission urges Aspirants to familiarize themselves with the requirements for registration as candidates by making inquiries at the Commission's County and Constituency offices. Nevertheless, the Commission wishes to remind Aspirants that:

1. The list of supporters of at least 2000 registered voters in each of the majority of counties for all Presidential Aspirants must be accompanied by copies of the Supporters' identification document.
2. Presidential and Gubernatorial Aspirants as well as their Deputies who hold degrees from foreign Universities **MUST** obtain recognition and equation of their academic qualifications from the Commission for University Education before registration as candidates.

The Commission will issue further updates on key election activities in its Election Operation Plan.



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