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Statement on Meeting with Political Stakeholders

Nairobi, 15 June 2017:

The Commission today had a meeting with Presidential candidates and their representatives. The deliberations were on the following two issues:-

- Register of voters and the clean-up exercise;
- Procurement of ballot papers.

On the Register of voters:

The parties appreciated the efforts being made to ensure we have an accurate and complete register within the limited time available. Our aim is to complete the clean-up of the register by 16th June 2017. Parties have agreed to formally communicate their formal position by tomorrow 11.00am.

On the Ballot paper procurement:

The Commission shared with stakeholders the following:

- The procurement process and why we chose Al Ghurair Printing and Publishing LLC.
- Measures being put in place for ballot paper control and reconciliation on the polling day.
- Stakeholder participation in ballot printing and deployment monitoring.

It was clear that it is not easy to achieve consensus among political competitors especially on the issue of ballot paper procurement. The Commission wishes to assure the country of its commitment to have ballot papers delivered on time.

The Commission reiterated its commitment to ensure that the staff carry out their duties with utmost integrity and professionalism. Should the Commission receive any evidence implicating any of its staff, it shall not hesitate to take action. So far, the claims made against our officers are mere allegations.

The Commission reckons that we may not all agree on decisions that are key for the success of the coming election. However, the Commission is bound by the provisions of Article 249 of the Constitution which obligates the Commission to protect the sovereignty of the people of Kenya. In doing so, the Commission is only *subject to the Constitution and the law and is not subject to direction or control by any person or authority.*

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