



Media Release

For Immediate Release

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Subject: Misleading Media Reports on General Election Preparedness

The Commission is concerned over misleading Reports appearing in a section of the Media, on the processes leading to the 9th August General Election. Media is a critical stakeholder in the electoral process and it is paramount that information they publish or broadcast is factual and professional.

The Commission wishes to state as follows:-

1. The Commission, in preparation for the 9th August 2022 General Election, has adhered to the Supreme Court judgement and orders of Presidential Election Petition Number 1 of 2017 in all its processes including results transmission.
2. Verification and Inspection of the Register of Voters is ongoing until 2nd June 2022. The purpose of the exercise is to enable voters to verify correctness of their details, including the polling stations, and to afford them an opportunity to correct any noted errors. In the course of the exercise, the Commission has received complaints regarding movements of voters to different polling centres /stations. The Commission is validating all the transfers effected with the duly filled transfer forms with a view of taking corrective action.
3. KPMG Audit of the register of voters is concurrently ongoing with the verification exercise and the report will be received by the Commission and made public. The recommendation from the said report will be implemented in readiness for certification and publication of the register of voters in accordance with the law.
4. According to Section 44, subsection 4(a) and (b) of the Elections Act, the Commission is required to: a) Procure and put in place the technology necessary for the conduct of a General Election at least one hundred and twenty (120) days before such election; and b) Test, verify and deploy such technology at

least sixty (60) days before a General Election. The Commission initiated procurement of election technology in April 2021 using open tendering method and signed a contract with the vendor in November 2021. The Commission has since deployed the same in the register of voters preparation and the ongoing verification exercise. For the purpose of results transmission during the General Election, the Commission will test and verify the technology in accordance with the law, on or before 9th June 2022.

5. Section 39 of the Election Act requires that the results of the Presidential elections in form 34A be transmitted electronically to Constituency and the National Tallying Centres. Once the register of voters has been finalised, the Commission will determine how many polling stations are outside the 3-G network and publish the same. Thereafter, all polling stations will be tested for the purpose of results transmission and satellite modems deployed in polling stations without 3-G network.

The Commission is committed to an open door policy for all its stakeholders including the Media in accordance with the law.



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