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MATTERS AND KEY DECISIONS OF INTER-PARTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IPAC) MEETING OF 27TH MARCH, 2019

The Electoral Commission has just concluded a stakeholders' meeting today, 27th March, 2019, under the aegis of the Inter Party Advisory Committee (IPAC). The discussions at the meeting were centered on the following pertinent matters:

- Preparations for 2019 District Level Elections(DLE) and Referendum;
- Inspection of Political Party Offices;
- Updates on the compliance of the Political Parties with audit requirements.

After extensive deliberations the following key decisions were made and adopted by the meeting:

- 1. The District Level Elections and the Referendum will be conducted on the same day during the last quarter of 2019.
- 2. The Commission will undertake a Limited Registration of new voters' prior to the District Level Elections and Referendum in May, 2019. The registration will take place in all the District Offices of the Electoral Commission across the country.
- 3. The Commission will compile a new voters register ahead of the 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.
- 4. The Commission will publish the time table and road map for the District Level Election, Referendum and other activities of the year in the 1st week of April 2019.
- 5. The inspection of offices of political parties is underway. A comprehensive report on the findings of the inspection would be made available to stakeholders by the end of May, 2019.
- 6. The Commission has published the report on the submitted Audited Accounts of the Political Parties. This appeared in the Daily Graphic on Thursday, 21st March, 2019. The Commission noted that most of the Audited Accounts do not meet international audit standards. The Commission is preparing a draft Constitutional Instrument to regulate and streamline the format of Financial Returns and Audited Accounts of the Political Parties.

Signed,

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Chairperson