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Audit of the Register of Voters

KPMG has been engaged by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) to audit the register of voters as required by Section 8A of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act No. 36 of 2016. The audit is conducted for purposes of:

- (i) Verifying the accuracy of the Register;
- (ii) Recommending mechanisms of enhancing the accuracy of the Register; and
- (iii) Updating the Register.

KPMG Kenya is pleased to announce that we have already commenced the audit of the Register of Voters in accordance with our Technical Proposal and contract with IEBC.

The audit of the Register of Voters is first and foremost about securing the sovereign power that the people of Kenya have under the Constitution. This audit is intended to ensure that no voter is disenfranchised on account of inaccuracies in the Register. In addition, the audit is intended to ensure that a voter's sovereign power is not diluted or undermined by the existence of ineligible voters in the Register, duplications, or other errors that could undermine the principle of universal suffrage - one man one vote; one woman one vote.

To achieve the objectives of the Audit, KPMG has a comprehensive methodology which includes:

1. Review of the legal framework, systems and processes underlying the registration process and the Register of Voters, and providing recommendations to enhance the accuracy of the register.
2. Review of the Register of Voters to confirm accuracy, completeness and validity of data, and to identify any exceptions that require confirmation, correction or deletion.
3. Review of the Register of Voters against certified data on National IDs provided by the Principal Registrar of Persons as appointed under section 5 of the Registration of Persons Act to confirm that those who have registered using an ID are bona fide Citizens and that they are validly registered as Voters.
4. Review of the Register of Voters against the National Passports Register duly certified by the Director of Immigration appointed under the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act, Cap 172 of the Laws of Kenya to confirm that those who have registered using Passports are bona fide Citizens and that they are validly registered as Voters.



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5. Review of the Register of Voters against the certified Register of Deaths duly certified by the Principal Registrar of Births and Deaths appointed under the Births and Deaths Registration Act, Cap 149 of the Laws of Kenya to enable deletion of any deceased persons who may have been included in the Register of Voters.
6. Review of the Register of Voters against the certified Register of Birth duly certified by the Principal Registrar of Births and Deaths appointed under the Births and Deaths Registration Act, Cap 149 of the Laws of Kenya to enable identification of any under-age persons who may have been included in the Register of Voters, and to delete such from the Register
7. Review of the Biometric data in the Register to confirm completeness and eliminate any duplication that may exist.

At the end of this process, we will provide to the IEBC a report of the Audit that includes:

- Recommendations to enhance the accuracy of the Register, thus ensuring a clean register;
- The specific exceptions identified and the recommended actions to address those exceptions; and
- Report of the legal, systems and process improvements required to secure the integrity and security of the Register of Voters.

This work will be dependent on the timely provision of the reference data that is critical for the audit including:

- (iv) The Certified Register of Voters of 2013;
- (v) Additional registered voters during the Continuous Voter Registration and Mass Voter Registrations MVR1 and II;
- (vi) Register of Persons duly certified by the Principal Registrar of Persons appointed under the Registration of Persons Act, CAP 107 of the Laws of Kenya or other duly authorised person on his behalf;
- (vii) National Passports Register duly certified by the Director of Immigration appointed under the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act, CAP 172 of the Laws of Kenya or the Director-General appointed under the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service Act, 2011, Laws of Kenya or other duly authorised person on his behalf;
- (viii) Register of Births and Deaths duly certified by the Principal Registrar of Births and Deaths appointed under the Births and Deaths Registration Act, CAP 149 of the Laws of Kenya or other duly authorised person on his behalf;
- (ix) List of National Identification Cards surrendered by reason of death issued by the relevant Government Authority responsible for such data;



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- (x) Housing and Population Census 2009 issued by the relevant Government Authority responsible for such data; and
- (xi) Any other information and records necessary for the purposes of the audit of the register of voters.

We have also commenced engagement with key stakeholders to share our methodology and approach, expected outcomes and to address any issues that they may have.

We will continue to respond to any legitimate issues raised by Kenyans and other stakeholders to ensure that there is broad understanding of the process of the audit, and ownership of the outcome.

We urge all Kenyans and stakeholders to give this process their full support. As a credible Register of Voters must be presented to the electorate at least 90 days before the election, time is not only of the essence, but critical. Given the late commencement of the audit, we are now racing against time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mwaura', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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