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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION  
ACCRA, AD 2020

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SUIT NO.

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1. ALEX MINTAH  
H/NO. B1319/11,  
DARKUMAN, ACCRA

1<sup>ST</sup> APPLICANT

HR/0020/2021

2. ROCKSON KONDE MASUN  
H/NO. 5  
NYIMBORDO - KPANDAI  
VOLTA REGION

2<sup>ND</sup> APPLICANT

3. VIVIAN ABLA KPEGLO  
H/NO. AW/24  
WEST ADENTA  
ACCRA

3<sup>RD</sup> APPLICANT

Att  
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4. CARE FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS GHANA 4<sup>TH</sup> APPLICANT  
H/NO. C32A/16  
MENSAH GUINEA STREET  
ALAJO - ACCRA

VERSUS

1. THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
OPPOSITE ACCRA REGIONAL HOSPITAL,  
EIGHT AVENUE, RIDGE  
ACCRA

1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDENT

2. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
MINISTRIES - ACCRA

2<sup>ND</sup> RESPONDENT

**MOTION ON NOTICE:**

**APPLICATION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS**  
(Articles 21(1)(f), 23 and 33 of the 1992 Constitution and Order 67, rules 1 and 2 of C. I. 47)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that this Honourable Court will be moved by **JUSTIN PWAVRA TERIWAJAH, ESQ.** counsel for and on behalf of the applicants herein praying for an order enforcing the applicants' fundamental human rights via the following reliefs:

- (a) A declaration that the refusal, failure or neglect of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to furnish the applicants with the details of the thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations which it has placed on a multiples and exceptions list is without

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lawful basis and/or that same amounts to a violation, continuing violation and/or threatened violation of the applicants' fundamental human right to information guaranteed under article 21(1)(f) of the 1992 Constitution;

- (b) An order of this Honourable Court enforcing the applicants' fundamental human right to information guaranteed by article 21(1)(f) of the 1992 Constitution by compelling the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to furnish the applicants with the information specified in paragraph 20 of the affidavit supporting the instant application, subject to the payment of such reasonable fees or expenses as may be determined by this Honourable Court;
- (c) Any other relief which this court considers just or fair in the instant case;

**UPON** the grounds contained in the accompanying supporting affidavit.

**AND** for such further order(s) as this Honourable Court may deem meet.

DATED AT KAPONDE & ASSOCIATES, SUITE 606/607, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, REPUBLIC HOUSE, OPPOSITE COCOBOD, CMB - ACCRA THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020.

LAWYER FOR THE APPLICANTS  
JUSTIN PWAVRA TERIWAJAH, ESQ.  
SOLICITOR'S LICENCE NO. eGAR 00149/20  
CHAMBER'S REGISTRATION NO. ePP00562/19

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AND TO:

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2. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, ACCRA.



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AFFIDAVIT OF THE APPLICANTS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR  
ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS

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I, **David Kumi Addo**, of digital address number GA-095-5907, Alajo in the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana, Accra do make oath and say as follows:

1. That I am the Executive Secretary of the 4<sup>th</sup> Applicant non-governmental organization and I am the deponent herein.

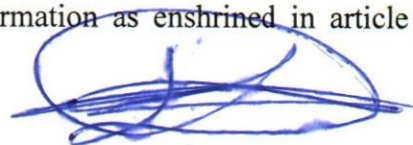
2. That I have the consent of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> applicants to depose to this affidavit on their behalf in respect of matters that have come to my personal knowledge, information and belief as regards the human rights issues in this suit.
3. That at the hearing of this application, counsel for the applicants shall seek the leave of this Court to refer to all or any of the processes filed in this suit as if the same had been made a part of this affidavit in support and sworn to on oath
4. That the full name and address for service of the lawyer for the applicants are as follows: JUSTIN PWAVRA TERIJAWAH, KAPONDE & ASSOCIATES, SUITE 606/607, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, REPUBLIC HOUSE, OPPOSITE COCOBOD, CMB – ACCRA.
5. That the full names and addresses for service of the persons directly affected by the instant application are as stated in the title to the instant application.
6. That the applicants are Ghanaian persons who have instituted the instant action pursuant to articles 23 and 33(1) of the 1992 Constitution for reliefs against the violation of their right to information as guaranteed by article 21(1)(f) of the said Constitution.
7. That the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent is the constitutional commission or body mandated to compile the register of voters and revise it at such periods, as may be determined by law.
8. That the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent is a minister of state and the principal legal adviser to the Government of Ghana as well as the office that must be made a defendant to all civil suits against the State.
9. That in the months of June and July, 2020 the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent conducted a voters' registration exercise towards the compilation of a new register of voters for the 2020 presidential and parliamentary elections.
10. That the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent reopened the registration process on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 and succeeded in registering more voters towards the compilation of the same register.
11. That the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> applicants are registered voters whose registration data is currently being processed by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent towards the compilation of a new register of voters. Copies of the voter's identity cards of the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> applicants are hereby attached and are marked as **Exhibits A1, A2 and A3** respectively.
12. That on or about 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent announced through its Deputy Chairman, Dr. Eric Asare Bossman, that thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations have been expunged from the new register of voters being compiled by it on the grounds that the said registrations were made in violation of law.
13. That subsequent to this announcement, the Chairperson of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent, Ms Jean Adukwei Mensa addressed the Parliament of Ghana during which address she confirmed the announcement given earlier by Dr. Eric Asare Bossman.
14. That a copy of the said address to Parliament by the Chairperson of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent is hereby attached and is marked as **Exhibit A4**.



15. That per the address by the Chairperson of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to Parliament, the thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations have been placed on a multiples and exceptions list which comprises eighteen thousand, six hundred and nineteen (18,619) multiple registrations and fourteen thousand and two (14,002) registrations based on illegal practices including registrations by under-aged persons or non-Ghanaians.
16. That by a letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the 4<sup>th</sup> applicant wrote to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent for itself as well as for the benefit of the other applicants demanding for information on the details of the said expunged registrations (i.e. registrations placed in the exceptions list) as well as the actions taken by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent against the persons involved in such alleged infractions of the law.
17. That a copy of the letter written by the 4<sup>th</sup> applicant asking for information from the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent relating to the said expunged registrations is hereby attached and is marked as **Exhibit A5**.
18. That the applicants require this information as a fundamental human right so as to be informed as to whether the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> applicants or any other registered voter is affected by the said exceptions list.
19. That to date, the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent has failed to reply to the said letter requesting for this information even though the date for the election (i.e. 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020) is inching closer by the day.
20. That per the instant application, the applicants want the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to furnish them with the following information:
  - (a) details of the thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations which the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent has expunged from the register of voters by placing them on a multiples and exceptions list;
  - (b) the legal basis upon which each of these thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations was challenged;
  - (c) how the eligibility of these thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations were challenged;
  - (d) the legal processes that were undertaken (i.e. the due process) which culminated in the decision of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to place the said registrations on a multiples and exceptions list;
  - (e) details of the persons complicit in these thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations contrary to law; and
  - (f) the measures or action taken by the respondents to bring the said violators of the electoral laws to book.
21. That I am advised by counsel and I verily believe same to be true that under article 21(1)(f) of the 1992 Constitution, the applicants have a right to be furnished with the information pertaining to the thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations which the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent has expunged from the register of voters and has kept in an exceptions list.
22. I am advised by counsel and I verily believe same to be true that the refusal of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to furnish the applicants with this information amounts to a violation of their fundamental human right to information as enshrined in article 21(1)(f) of the 1992 Constitution.



23. That the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> applicants are particularly aggrieved because they do not know if their registrations have been placed in the exceptions list for which reason they cannot vote on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.
24. That the applicants desire this information in order to find out if the said exceptions list was not compiled contrary to law so as to advise themselves on the remedies available to them before 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.
25. That on the basis of the facts I have deposed to above, I pray for the following reliefs against the respondents:
- (a) A declaration that the refusal, failure or neglect of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to furnish the applicants with the details of the thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) registrations which it has placed on a multiples and exceptions list is without lawful basis and/or that same amounts to a violation, continuing violation and/or threatened violation of the applicants' fundamental human right to information guaranteed under article 21(1)(f) of the 1992 Constitution;
  - (b) An order of this Honourable Court enforcing the applicants' fundamental human right to information guaranteed by article 21(1)(f) of the 1992 Constitution by compelling the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to furnish the applicants with the information specified in paragraph 20 of the affidavit supporting the instant application, subject to the payment of such reasonable fees or expenses as may be determined by this Honourable Court; and
  - (c) Any other relief which this court considers just or fair in the instant case.
26. **WHEREFORE** I swear to this affidavit in support of our motion for the enforcement of the applicants' fundamental human right to information as enshrined in article 21(1)(f) of the 1992 Constitution.



DEPONENT

Sworn at Accra this <sup>17<sup>th</sup></sup>  
day of November, 2020

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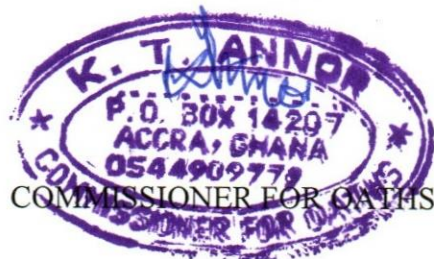





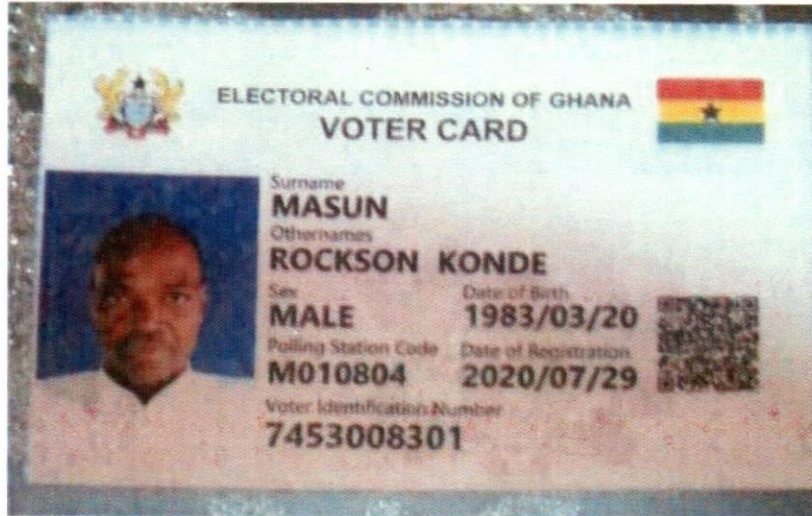
Exhibit A1

 ELECTORAL COMMISSION ANA   
**VOTER CARD**

 Surname  
**MINTAH**  
Other names  
**ALEX**  
Sex  
**MALE** Date of Birth  
**1982/12/30**  
Polling Station Code  
**C160106** Date of Registration  
**2020/07/23**  
Voter Identification Number  
**450503** 

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Exhibit A2




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Exhibit A3

 ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF GHANA   
**VOTER CARD**



Surname  
**KPEGLO**  
Other names  
**VIVIAN ABLA**  
Sex  
**FEMALE** Date of Birth  
**1966/08/23**  
Polling Station Code  
**D072501** Date of Registration  
**2020/07/20**  
Voter Identification Number  
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**THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONS ROAD MAP TO  
THE 2020 ELECTIONS. PRESENTED BY MRS JEAN  
MENSA CHAIRPERSON TO THE PARLIAMENT OF  
GHANA**

A good morning to you Rt. Honourable Speaker of Parliament, Honourable Majority Leader, Honourable Minority Leader and Honourable Members of this August House. We bring you warm greetings from the Electoral Commission and thank you for your invitation to the Commission to brief this August House on our plans and preparations towards a peaceful, credible and transparent Election in December 2020. We thank the Good Lord for this day and for His Mercies. This morning I am here with my able team made up of Mr Samuel Tettey -Deputy Chair Operations, Dr Bossman Eric Asare - Deputy Chair Corporate Services, Mr Kye Duodo– Procurement Officer and Mr Henry Ashong – Deputy Finance Director.

It is important to emphasize that this is the first time I have been invited to the House in my capacity as the Chairperson of the Electoral



Commission, I have on no occasion turned down an invitation from the Parliament of Ghana. As an individual who has been at the forefront of championing Ghana's democratic development for over twenty years, I respect and value the Institutions of State, a major one being the Parliament of Ghana. Indeed, I was informed of your invitation to the Commission on the night of Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at a time I was out of the jurisdiction. Our Deputy Chair for Cooperate Services informed the Majority Leader about this and made arrangements for our presentation to be delivered to the Parliament today.

This morning we are here to give an account of progress we have made regarding the conduct of the Election 2020. Mr. Speaker I'm pleased to inform you that the Electoral Commission is 95% ready for the successful, credible, fair, orderly and peaceful conduct of the Election in December 2020. Permit me to highlight a number of significant achievements.

### **Procurement of Materials**

Mr. Speaker the Commission procured a wide variety of election materials for the 2020 Election. These include, ballot boxes, thumbprint pads, stationary, identifications jackets, polling station booths, rechargeable lamps, indelible ink, educational posters, seals among others. As we speak, distribution of these items to our regions and districts is well underway. I can confirm that as a result of the thorough planning and distribution mechanisms employed, we are about 95% done with the distribution of election materials to our various locations across the country. What is left to be delivered are the Ballots and Registers.

### **Procurement of Vehicles**

To facilitate the movement of our staff and promote the delivery of their mandate at the grassroot level, the Commission procured a number of vehicles. In total 147 vehicles made up of:

15 motorbikes

30 four-wheel drives

107 pick ups



8 haulage trucks

2 Coaster Buses

These were procured at a total cost of 38 million 373 thousand 545 cedis (38,373,545.00). This has promoted the efficiency of our staff as well as the swift movement of goods and materials from our stores to our regions and districts. It has also helped to eliminate costs that were associated with the hiring and rental of vehicles.

It is important to note that close to 95% of our procurement was done through an open tender process. We achieved this by advertising all our procurement processes in the newspapers. This policy decision introduced competition into our procurement and helped drive down prices. Ultimately it ensured value for money in our procurement processes.

In due course, the Commission will make public a report showing the huge savings made as a result of this decision.

## **Covid 19 Items**

Mr. Speaker, as you may be aware, we started the year without the slightest inclination of the COVID-19 virus. As much as it took us unawares, we immediately put in place measures to procure COVID-19 Items to ensure the safety and security of our stakeholders. Additionally, we put in place stringent COVID-19 protocols to help curb the spread of the virus.

The items procured and distributed include the following:

- Thermometer Guns
- Veronica Buckets
- Sanitizers
- Liquid Soap
- Tissue Paper

We have distributed all these items to our regions and districts ahead of the election and we are confident that the protocols put in place and the materials procured will help curb the spread of the virus at all Polling Stations and Collation Centers throughout the country.



In addition, Mr. Speaker, from Monday the Commission will roll out an extensive publicity drive aimed at educating the citizenry on how to vote and encouraging them to exercise their power. We will also engage citizens on measures the Commission is putting in place to reduce/eliminate stakeholder risks at the various Polling Stations throughout the country. As you may be aware, the Commission undertook a comprehensive publicity campaign during the Registration Exercise. This contributed to the enthusiasm and high participation during the registration exercise. We are confident that the education we deploy, ahead of the election, in major languages throughout the country will go a long way to shore up interest and lead to a high turnout on election day.

Special Officials named the COVID-19 Ambassadors will be deployed to all thirty-eight thousand, six hundred and twenty-two (38,622) Polling Stations throughout the country. Their duty will be to enforce the Covid-19 protocols and ensure that the sufficient supply of COVID items to the Centers are put to effective use.

## **Biometric Verification Equipment**

Mr. Speaker as you may be aware, the Commission has procured brand new Biometric Verification Devices for the Election to enhance the integrity and credibility of the polls. As I speak, seventy-four thousand, eight hundred (74,800) brand new biometric verification devices are in country and are being prepared for the election. It is expected that the enhanced features of the devices will speed up the verification process and go a long way to ensure that only persons whose biometric details are captured in our system vote on the Election Day. It is important to note Mr. Speaker that the device has a record of both fingerprints as well as the facial features of each unique individual. As a result, in the event where an individual has lost the use of his/her fingers, the facial recognition feature will be employed to identify the voter. We are confident that the use of both features will go a long way to enhance the integrity of the Polls.

Mr. Speaker, for the records, the Commission procured eight thousand (8,000) brand new Biometric Voters Registration kits ahead of the



registration in July. As you may have experienced, the kits worked efficiently and resulted in the speedy and accurate capturing of the biometric details of seventeen million and twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one (17,029,971). Ghanaians across the length and breadth of the country. Our staff reported a great improvement from the previous kits used. Indeed, compared to the previous kits, the current kits are more robust, user friendly and perform more effectively than the previous Kits. There were very few reports of breakdown of kits in the field. Indeed, a good number of our Data Entry Clerks registered over two hundred and eighty (280) persons per kit per day as opposed to the past, where the highest registered was hundred (100) voters per kit per day. All in all, the performance of the kits exceeded our expectation.

We are confident that the Biometric Verification Devices will function excellently on the Election Day.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to note the cost for the procurement of the Biometric Registration Kits and the Biometric Verification Devices is as follows:

**Biometric Registration Kits**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Eight Thousand (8,000)	One Hundred and fifty-eight million, eight hundred and forty-four thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two Ghana cedis (GH 158, 844, 832)	One Hundred and fifty-eight million, eight hundred and forty-four thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two Ghana cedis (GH 158, 844, 832)



**Biometric Verification Devices**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Seventy-four thousand, eight hundred (74,800)	One hundred and sixty-one million, two hundred and thirty-four thousand and fifty-five Ghana Cedis (GH 161,234,055)	One hundred and fifty-one million, one hundred and eighty-four thousand, six hundred and eighty-five Ghana Cedis (GH 151, 184, 685)	Ten million and forty-nine thousand, three hundred and seventy Ghana Cedis (GH 10, 049, 370)

**Software for Registration Data Processing Verification.**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
1.	Twenty-eight million, seven hundred and six thousand, nine	Eighteen million, six hundred and ninety-three thousand and	Ten million and ninety-three thousand, eight hundred and eighty-six Ghana Cedis

	hundred and sixty Ghana Cedis (GH 28, 786, 960)	seventy-four Ghana Cedis (GH 18, 693, 074)	(GH 10,093,886)
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**Data Centre And Disaster Recovery Centre**

Number	Budget	Actual	Balance
1.	Thirty-five million, seven hundred and thirty-eight thousand, eight hundred and forty-four Ghana Cedis twenty pesewas (GH 35, 738, 844.20)	Twenty-one million, and eleven thousand, three hundred and fifty-two Ghana Cedis, sixty-one pesewas (GH 21, 011, 352. 61)	Fourteen million, seven hundred and twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and ninety- one Ghana Cedis, fifty-nine pesewas (GH 14, 727, 491.59)



## **2020 Voters Register**

Mr. Speaker as you may be aware, the Commission has prepared a new Biometric Voter's Register in time for the election. We are pleased to note that the register embodies unique individuals only. To date the register has a total no of seventeen million and twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one (17,029,971) Voters. We are confident in the credibility and integrity of the 2020 Voters Register and are pleased with the collaboration and cooperation of the citizenry at all levels particularly at the district level, as well as the magistrates, to ensure that only eligible Ghanaians participated in the process.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak, we have thirty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty-one (32,621) persons who have been placed on the multiples and the exceptions list. Of these eighteen thousand, six hundred and nineteen (18, 619) persons engaged in multiple registration and fourteen thousand and two (14, 002) engaged in various illegal practices including under aged voting and voting by non-Ghanaians. They are all on the list we call exceptions list.

It is important to correct an impression that the 18,619 names on the multiples list refers to individuals. For the record, this number reflects the total number of multiple registrations, as such if a person has registered 10 times, all 10 instances will be on the list. It is therefore not made up of 18,619 unique individuals but rather of multiple registrations

### **Printing of Ballots**

Mr. Speaker, the printing of ballots is currently underway in seven (7) printing houses in Accra, namely:

1. – Buck Press Limited
2. –Assembly Press (Ghana Publishing Company)
3. –Fonstat Limited
4. –Innolink
5. –Yasarko Limited
6. –Checkpoint Limited
7. –Acts Commercial Limited



A majority are printing houses which the Commission has used since the year 1992. As I speak the Agents of the Political Parties and the Security Agencies are monitoring the processes in all the Printing Houses.

I am happy to report that printing of the Notice of Poll for the 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections has been completed. In terms of the Presidential ballots, the printing for the following Regions have been completed:

<b>PRESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>PARLIAMENTARY</b>
Ashanti Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Volta Region (Completed)	Done
Western North (Completed)	Almost Done
Upper East Region (Completed)	Done
Upper West Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Bono Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Bono East Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Savannah Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Oti Region (Completed)	Done

Northern Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Western Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Ahafo Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Central Region (Completed)	Almost Done
Greater Accra (Completed)	Almost Done
North East Region (Completed)	Almost Done
<b>Eastern Region (Not Completed)</b>	Almost Done

Mr. Speaker, the printing of our 2020 Register is also currently underway and we are confident that we will complete this process and distribute the registers well in time for the December 2020 election. It is important to note Mr. Speaker, that the political parties have submitted their hard drives to the Commission. A soft copy of the register was made available to them yesterday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.



### **Printing of Pink Sheets.**

Mr. Speaker, the printing of the Results Collation Sheet for Presidential and Parliamentary Elections popularly known as the Pink Sheets will commence on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. All Political Parties have been duly informed accordingly and will monitor the process throughout.

### **Recruitment and Training**

Mr. Speaker the Commission has to date employed close to two hundred and thirty-three thousand, six hundred and thirty two (233,632) Temporary officials made up of Returning Officers and their Deputies, Presiding Officers, Verification Officers, Name Reference Officers as well as a Covid-19 Ambassadors for the December 2020 Elections.

A comprehensive training program has been drawn for each category of Officials. We are confident that with the capacity building provided, our teams will be equipped with the requisite skills to enable them to perform excellently on Election Day.

## **Number of Polling Stations for Election 2020**

Mr. Speaker, for the 2020 Election, the Commission has created thirty-eight thousand, six hundred and twenty-two (38,622) Polling Stations across the country. This is some five thousand (5,000) Polling Stations more than the 2019 Polling Stations. The threshold set for the Polling Stations is seven hundred and forty-nine (749) Voters per Polling Stations. It is important to note however that more than 70% of the Polling Stations have five hundred (500) Voters or less.

## **Security**

Mr. Speaker we will like to end on the very important issue of security. The Commission has since the beginning of the year engaged in continuous dialogue with the Security Agencies under the auspices of the National Security Task Force. To date, we have provided them with relevant information to assist them in carrying out their duties on Election Day. This includes information on all Polling Centers, Collation Centers, potential flash point areas among others. This collaboration goes down to



the regional and district levels. We intend to increase our engagement as we head towards the elections in December.

Mr Speaker, in a nutshell this is our roadmap for a peaceful, credible and transparent Election in December.

I assure you and this August House that we are fully prepared and ready for the elections in December and are working with our teams to ensure that the election is Credible, Fair, Seamless, Transparent and Peaceful.

On behalf of the Electoral Commission of Ghana, we thank you for inviting us this morning to present our roadmap to this August House. We look forward to returning next year to brief you and the Honourable Members of the successful, excellent, seamless, transparent and peaceful conduct of Election 2020, so help us God.

May God bless our homeland Ghana and make our Nation Great and Strong.

LET PEACE REIGN.

Thank you all for your attention



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27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

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Dear Madam,

**LETTER TO THE EC REQUESTING FOR THE  
PUBLICATION OF THE FULL LIST AND DETAILED  
INFORMATION ON THE 30,000 NAMES  
REMOVED/DISQUALIFIED BY THE EC**

We have followed the pronouncement on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 on the 30,000 names and or individuals who have been disqualified and prevented from participating in the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 general elections. Unfortunately, a full list and detail information did not accompany the pronouncement for the disqualification by the Electoral Commission. This is creating fear, panic and anxiety among many innocent eligible voters who are not certain whether they are part of these disqualified persons or not.

In the statement the EC claimed that, among the 30,000 disqualified, 14,000 were individuals whose disqualification were as a result of registering after the period of registration. This is strange because among the reasons informing the EC's decision for the need for a new voter's



register was to provide a robust system that cannot be infiltrated or manipulated.

In view of the above, Care for Free and Fair Elections Ghana "CARE" GHANA write to request the following:

1. Full disclosure of the 30, 000 names allegedly expunged from the provisional register.
2. Immediate publication of the full list and detailed information of the said names.
3. Explanation of the meaning of the term '**Registration outside stipulated time**'
4. Explanation of how the 14,000 individuals got registered outside the stipulated time,
5. Full disclosure of persons behind this criminal conduct if indeed it did happened
6. The measures taken by the EC to investigate and prosecute perpetrators of this criminal act.

The difficulty of not publishing these alleged names in advance of the elections day could create inconvenience and as well create chaos at the polling stations if potential voters later discover their disqualification only at the point of voting.

In a related and equally important matter, the EC stated that the register has been increased by some 44,430 following the exhibition exercise; This is because, before the exhibition exercise the Electoral Commission publicly announced that it had registered 16,963,306 applicants. However, after the exhibition exercise the figure mysteriously changed to 17,007,026. Till date the EC is yet to furnish the public with any explanation as to how that came about. "CARE"GHANA finds this development unfortunate as same has the potential of deepening the perception of bias and the lack of impartiality on the part of the EC by some key political players and a section of the society.

We are by this correspondence also demanding explanation as to the post-exhibition increase in the number of names on the register.

To ensure transparency, accountability and integrity of the Commission and the electoral process, Care for Free and Fair Elections Ghana "CARE"GHANA encourages the Electoral Commission to provide answers to the above request so as to help assuage the anxiety and suspicion among some key stakeholders and the general public.

Thank You

Signed

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