



**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEC**

**9 November 2005**  
4:00 pm

**☐ FIRST PROGRESSIVE RESULTS FROM TALLYING**

1,006, or 33% of the 3070 polling places have reported. Note that the portion of polling places reported varies across the counties.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>TOTAL POLLING PLACES REPORTED</b>
Bomi	56 out of 98
Bong	199 out of 343
Gbarpolu	8 out of 61
Grand Bassa	42 out of 252
Grand Cape Mount	10 out of 82
Grand Gedeh	31 out of 73
Grand Kru	0 out of 47 (report delayed, to be announced at 8pm Press conference)
Lofa	25 out of 215
Margibi	69 out of 237
Maryland	65 out of 106
Montserrado	352 out of 989
Nimba	90 out of 411
River Cess	20 out of 42
River Gee	19 out of 47
Sinoc	20 out of 67

Based on these early partial reports, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has received 169,655 votes corresponding to 60.4% and George Manneh Weah has received 111,017 votes corresponding to 39.6%.

The recorded turn out for the polling places which have reported amounts to 287,698 voters or 60.5%.

Be reminded that these are partial figures. The NEC will report result through the press conferences as they arrive at the National Tally Centre from the County Tally Centres. Once these results have been announced, a signed Declaration of Results will be provided to the NEC from the Magistrates Office. Once all of these Declarations have been



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compiled, the final results will be announced. According to the Electoral Law, this should be done no later than 15 days after the Election. The 15<sup>th</sup> day falls on November 23, 2005.

Please be advised that detailed reports will be distributed at the end of the press conference.

**TRANSPARENCY**

We wish to apologize for not including NDI, or the National Democratic Institute, in our briefing this morning on international observers for the November 8 Election. They have 22 accredited observers that are in Liberia observing the electoral process. Observers have been deployed in pairs nationwide to Voinjama, Saniquelle, Zwedru and Harper.

NEC has also received IRI's "Preliminary Statement on Liberia's Election."

NEC wishes to remind the media that this evening's Press Conference will be held at 8pm.

**SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Asked to comment on a statement made by CDC Standard Bearer George Weah at a press conference this afternoon in which he characterized the Run-Off election as not being free and fair, the Chair said the evaluation of the election should be left to the observers, and not to anybody who was a candidate.

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