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TALKING POINTS FOR CHAIRMAN KORKOYA ON THE RECENT ELECTORAL DEVELOPMENTS: LOFA BY-ELECTION AND THE ONGOING VOTER REGISTRATION (VR)

Members of the Press,
Ladies and Gentlemen present.

We welcome you here and thank you for responding to our invitation on short notice.

As stated previously, the NEC will progressively update the public on current developments as they unfold in an effort to open up the electoral process to the people.

The National Elections Commission is pleased to declare that the Lofa County District #1 By-Election was successfully conducted in a peaceful atmosphere.

There were 9 candidates that contested the Representative By-election in Lofa County District #1. Political Parties candidates constitute 8 contestants while there was only 1 independent candidate, who was the only female in the race.

A total of 10,603 voters participated in the process by casting their votes in the By-election. The total valid votes cast amounted to 9,832, while the total number of 771 was recorded as invalid votes

The candidate of the Union of Liberia Democrats, (ULD) Mr. Francis Sakila Nyumalin, Sr. obtained 32.0% of all valid votes cast, representing 3,149 votes, while the candidate of the Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE) obtained 30.5% representing 2,996 votes.

The Co-Chair Cllr. Sarah J Toe has declared the outcome of the By-election but the official certification will not occur until the complaints in the By-election are disposed.

The NEC is pleased to update the public on the recent criminal conspiracy involving 2 temporary staff of the Commission working along with one Amos Siebo of Monrovia. The LNP reported on a number of NEC equipment and materials retrieved from a private home used by those suspects to circumvent the registration process in the Johnsonville vicinity. The Commission is thankful to the LNP for effecting the arrest of those involved in the scandal.

The Commission continues to warn the public and all would-be candidates to observe the rules governing the 2017 electoral process in order to assure a credible Poll.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please permit me to state unequivocally that the NEC will ensure that all those found to be in violation of the Commission's laws, guidelines, regulations, procedure and policies would be punished without fear or favor.

I thank you.