



Republic of Liberia
National Elections Commission (NEC)



STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEC

13 October 2005

8:00 pm

☐ PROGRESSIVE RESULTS FROM TALLYING

705 polling places have reported from all 15 counties, including Grand Kru. As of this evening, 231,294 votes have been counted and tallied. The recorded turn out for the polling places which have reported amounts to 73%.

Presidential Candidates receiving more than five percent of the vote based on the polling places which have reported are as follows:

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES	% PERCENTAGE OF VOTES
1. GEORGE WEAH	58,829	26.5
2. ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF	31,599	14.2
3. CHARLES BRUMSKINE	25,599	11.5
4. VARNEY SHERMAN	22,878	10.3
5. WINSTON TUBMAN	22,120	10.0
6. JOSEPH KORTO	13,852	6.2

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

☐ UPDATE ON RETRIEVAL OF MATERIALS

The status of retrieval of materials by air from inaccessible areas is as follows;

- **Gbarpolu:** Materials from 10 voting precincts have been retrieved, materials from 19 remaining precincts were being retrieved today.
- **Grand Kru:** Materials from 2 Voting precincts have been retrieved, 19 voting precincts will have materials retrieved on October 15.
- **River Gee:** All materials retrieved.
- **Lofa:** Materials will be retrieved on October 15.
- **River Cess:** All materials will be retrieved on October 15.
- **Grand Cape Mount:** All materials retrieved.
- **Upper Montserrado:** All materials retrieved.



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90% of materials from voting precincts that can only be accessed by porters on foot have been retrieved. The retrieval process is still ongoing for the remaining 10%.

☐ SECURITY

Nothing significant to report.

☐ OBSERVER REPORTS

The NEC has received initial reports from the following Observer groups: European Union, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), International Republican Institute (IRI), National Democratic Institute (NDI), The Carter Center, the United States Observer Delegation to the Liberian Elections and the African Union (AU).

The National Committee for Election Monitoring (NACEM), a consortium of three Liberian organizations (West African Network for Peace building, Inter-Religious Council of Liberia, and the Coalition for Democracy in Liberia) has also submitted its impressions of the process.

The NEC is pleased by the generally positive feedback from the observers and will review their recommendations for future implementation.
