Chair’s Briefing Notes- Daily Press Briefing  
24 October 2023  
Venue: James M. Fromayan Conference Hall/ NEC HQ

Madam Co-chair and fellow Commissioners;  
Distinguished Stakeholders;  
Fellow Liberians;  
Members of the Press;  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. I welcome you to the Headquarters of the National Elections Commission and to the Commission’s daily press briefings. In today’s briefing, the Commission will announce results of the elections in Nimba County District #4, Beo Lontuo and the final nationwide results for the Presidential, Senatorial and Representative outcome of the 10 October 2023 General Elections.

2. Members of the press, as you are aware, on 10 October 2023 Liberians went to the polls to elect their leaders including a President and vice President, 15 Senators, and 73 Representatives.

3. Election Day, 10 October 2023, was characterized by a record high turnout of 1,949,155 voters, which constitutes 78.86 percent of the 2,471,617 total registered voters. This huge turnout is unprecedented in Liberia’s modern democratic election history and it is due, in part, to the Commission successful transition from the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) system of voter registration to the use of biometric technology for the registration of voters, which produced an excellent Final Registration Roll for the 10 October Elections.

4. The Commission notes that these elections attracted much attention from some 10,000 national, regional and international long-term and short-term observers that were accredited by the Commission to observe the elections. These observers were deployed across the 15 counties of Liberia, and they took stock of how the NEC implemented international standards and electoral best practices in conducting the elections in Liberia.
5. Ladies and gentlemen of the press, following the close of the 10 October polls, the Commission, in its daily press briefings informed Liberians and stakeholders about post-Election Day happenings – ranging from disruption of tally processes across the country to electoral malpractices by some temporary staff recruited by the NEC. Specifically, at the Montserrado Tally Center at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex, five temporary staff allegedly involved in malpractices were arrested by the Police. Similarly, in Grand Cape Mount Count, four NEC temporary workers were arrested by the Police for alleged electoral malpractices. In both cases, they were remanded into custody pending court trial. The names of these temporary workers are quarantined in the NEC database, as they will not serve in any future elections.

In Nimba County District #4, two polling places in precinct Beo Lontuo witnessed the disruption of the counting process when some individuals made away with ballot boxes, damaging their contents in the process. This led to the re-run of the three elections at the two affected polling places in that precinct.

Despite these and other challenges, the Commission notes the completion of counting, tallying and collation of the results from the 20 October 2023 in Beo Lontuo.

6. Ladies and gentlemen of the press, before proceeding with the announcement of the results, the Commission expresses thanks and appreciation to Liberians for voting in such huge numbers.

The Commission also extends thanks to the United Nations, Ambassadorial Missions to Liberia, the African Union and ECOWAS Commission for providing technical data and IT support, as well as logistical and other equipment and materials, which strengthened the capacity of the NEC to deliver on these elections. These partners are also appreciated for their intervention, through various mechanisms, including the National Steering Committee on Elections (NSCE), which advocated for the Commission’s readiness to conduct the 10 October polls.

The Commissions also applauds the Ministry of Justice/Joint Security for their steadfastness in maintaining the peace – yea your proactive and reactive responses to incidents that could have permanently disrupted the electoral process, but for your timely interventions.

To the temporary staff as well as NEC employees and the NEC management team, we thank you for your diligence in the preparation and execution of your duty during the conduct of the 10 October polls.
To owners of properties that were used as voting precincts, the Commission remains grateful to you for your patriotism and selfless love for country.

The Commission also applauds the general support of international, regional and local organizations including Democracy International, LEON, EISA, ECC, etc. and to the over **10,000** national, regional and international observers who observed the 10 October 2023 Presidential and Legislative Elections.

The Commission’s final commendation goes to political parties and candidates, generally for their peaceful participation in the 10 October polls.

7. Ladies and gentlemen of the press, here now are the presidential, senatorial and representative outcomes of the elections in the two polling places in precinct Beo Lontuo, electoral District #4, Nimba County............(Read the Results)

8. Members of the press, the Commission, having completed the nationwide tally of votes, with 100% of all polling places reporting, the following is the final presidential election outcome: (Read the full list of presidential results).

9. The results of the 10th October 2023 polls show that the ticket of the Congress for Democratic Change (CDC) obtained the highest number of votes **804,087**, constituting **43.83 percent** followed by the ticket of the Unity Party (UP) which obtained **796,961** votes, constituting **43.44 percent**. However, ladies and gentlemen of the press, Article 83 (b) of the Constitution of Liberia requires that for any presidential ticket to win outright on the first ballot, that ticket must acquire at least 50 percent plus one of the valid votes cast. Article 83 (b) further states that where no presidential ticket obtains at least 50 percent plus one, the two presidential tickets that received the highest number of valid votes shall participate in a run-off election, to be held on the second Tuesday following the expiration of the time provided for in Article 83 (c).

With the results of the 10th October polls showing that no presidential ticket obtain 50 percent plus one vote, a run-off election is hereby declared, to be held on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 between the two tickets that obtained the highest number of votes – the presidential ticket of the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) led by Mr. George Manneh Weah and the presidential ticket of the Unity Party (UP) led by Mr. Joseph Nyumah Boakai.
**Political campaign** for the 14th November run-off election is hereby declared open today, 24 October 2023 and shall close on 12 November 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

10. Ladies and gentlemen of the press, you can find the full list of all winners of senatorial and representative elections online at results.necliberia.org.

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