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**SUBJECT: IEBC IS NOT A PUNCHING BAG FOR POLITICAL MILEAGE**

**NAIROBI, KENYA: JANUARY 8, 2020** – The Commission’s attention has been drawn to calls for its disbandment by the Honorable Senator for Siaya, James Orenge as debate on the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Report rages on with further calls for a possible referendum.

IEBC is a constitutional body established under Article 88 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The Commission is responsible for supervising referenda and elections to any elective body or office established by the Constitution and any other elections as prescribed by an act of parliament. The law guarantees security of tenure and further provides for legal procedure for removal of Commissioners from office.

The remarks by Senator Orenge that the Commission is a “criminal enterprise” which can be disbanded at will is disrespectful and an insult to the Constitution. The Honorable Senator is an elected member of the Senate who is, therefore, a product of the same alleged criminal enterprise. If, indeed, he stands by his sentiments he should honorably resign to gain moral grounds to criticize the institution that oversaw his election to the Senate.

**Election is a Cycle**

Against popular belief, an election is not an event but rather a cycle, The Commission works round the clock to ensure it delivers on its constitutional mandate. Voter education, voter registration and stakeholder mapping and engagement are continuous processes that IEBC undertakes to ensure electoral processes are transparent, participatory free and fair.

Currently the Commission is in the formative planning stages of the critical and very emotive boundaries delimitation activity, among other preparatory activities towards 2022 General Election.

### **2022 – Higher expectations even higher stakes**

The next General Election is less than two year away. From the lessons learnt from previous elections and electoral programmes, The Commission has started early preparations including undertaking electoral legal reforms, putting in place frameworks for procurement, and general electoral logistics. In this regard, the Commission hopes to receive sufficient and timely funding to facilitate smooth running of its programs and activities. Late and lumpsum funding results to inflated cost of goods and services, legal tussles and vendor wars, which delay as well as skyrocket the cost of elections in Kenya.

We wish to firmly reiterate that IEBC is committed to delivering on its constitutional mandate and is ready to work with like-minded institutions to improve service delivery and move Kenya towards a stronger democracy.

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