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**26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021, NAIROBI, KENYA**

**SUBJECT: BUILDING BRIDGES INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the promoters of the Building Bridges Initiative (Constitutional Amendment) Bill 2020 delivered to the Commission a draft Constitutional Amendment Bill and details of supporters of the draft Bill in both soft and hard copy, the soft being scanned pages of the signed hard copy booklets.

In compliance with Article 257 (4) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Commission undertook a verification exercise to ascertain whether the Building Bridges Initiative Constitutional Amendment Bill 2020 was supported by **at least one million registered voters**.

As at 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the Commission had been able to digitize **1,715,386** records which were subjected to verification exercise involving completeness and validity checks of the individual records; elimination of duplicate records; and finally matching the clean records with the register of voters as detailed in the Table 1 below:

**Table 1:** Interim summary report of the supporters' signature verification as at 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

<b>Activity #</b>	<b>Description of the Activity/ Process</b>	<b>Records Count</b>
1.	Supporters records captured as at 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	1,715,386
2.	Supporters records with Incomplete details (Invalid Names/IDs and Missing ID numbers)	(13,272)
3.	Supporters records with no signature	(4,777)
4.	Supporters records appearing more than once	(242,311)
5.	Supporters not in the Register of Voters	(314,181)
<b>6.</b>	<b>Total verified supporters records in the Register of Voters</b>	<b>1,140,845</b>



The verification exercise confirmed that the initiative has been supported by **1,140,845 registered voters**. This is therefore to notify stakeholders and the general public that the Initiative has met the requisite threshold as provided in Article 257 (4) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Meanwhile, the Commission will continue to verify the remaining supporters' details and a final report shall be shared with stakeholders and the general public.

Pursuant to Article 257 (5) and (6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Commission shall submit the draft Bill to each of the forty seven (47) County Assemblies for consideration within three (3) months from the date of submission by the Commission. Thereafter, the Speakers of the County Assemblies will submit the decisions of their respective County Assemblies to the Speakers of the National Assembly and the Senate pursuant to Article 257 (6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.



**W. W. CHEBUKATI**  
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