



## MEDIA RELEASE

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**NAIROBI, KENYA: FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON VOTER VERIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH TWO-THIRDS GENDER PRINCIPLE**

The Commission wishes to update the public on the following:

### **1. Two Thirds Gender Principle**

The Commission in compliance with orders issued in ***Constitutional Petition No. 19 of 2017 in Katiba Institute vs Independent Electoral & Boundaries Commission*** took measures to ensure actualisation of the two-thirds gender principle during nominations for the 290 Constituency based elective seats for Members of the National Assembly and the 47-County based elective positions for Members of the Senate.

Pursuant to the said orders, the Commission received political parties' nomination lists on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Upon review, the Commission noted that some political parties had not complied with the two-thirds gender principle for the position of Members of the National Assembly and Senate. The Commission thus afforded them an opportunity to revise their lists and resubmit by 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 before granting a further extension of the deadline for resubmission to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

As at 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, seventy-five (75) out of seventy-seven (77) political parties' nomination lists for Member of the National Assembly and sixty-eight (68) out of sixty-nine (69) political parties' nomination lists for Senate had complied with the two-thirds gender principle. This represents a 98% compliance. However, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the High Court in ***Adrian Kamotho Njenga vs. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission*** granted orders that in effect suspended the implementation of the two-thirds gender principle in the nomination of candidates for the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 General Election.

### **2. Verification of Register of Voters**

Verification of the Register of Voters exercise commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and is ongoing for a period of 30 days. As at 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the total number of voters who had verified their registration details are as below.

	<b>Mode of Verification</b>	<b>Number of Voters</b>
1	website portal	260, 492
2	Short Message Service	182,537
3	KIEMS kits	63, 161
	<b>Total number of verified voters</b>	<b>506, 190</b>

The Commission appeals to all registered voters to verify their particulars by visiting their registration centres to confirm their biometric data. In addition, voter registration details can be confirmed via SMS by sending **ID/Passport Number#Year of Birth** to 70000 or visiting the Commission's Website portal <https://verify.iebc.or.ke/>. In the event details are incorrect, registered voters should visit their respective registration centres or IEBC Constituency Offices.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. W. Chebukati', written over a light yellow rectangular background.

**W. W. CHEBUKATI**  
**CHAIRMAN**