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SUBJECT: MISLEADING HEADLINE ON TODAY'S STAR

NAIROBI, KENYA: Saturday, March 16, 2019 - Our attention has been drawn to a headline story appearing in today's star newspaper **“IEBC to go on Sh 30M Benchmarking trips”**

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) wishes to clarify that the tone and angling of the story is meant to further the narrative of Commissioners must go championed by the star newspaper for over a year now. It is also meant to introduce negative debates on the boundaries delimitation exercise that is already an emotive and sensitive exercise.

Boundaries delimitation is a key mandate of the Commission that is reviewed between 8 to 12 years. The last delimitation was finalized in 2012 and therefore a review must be completed by early 2024.

The Commission has prepared a budget for the boundaries exercise which has gone through the established budget approval mechanisms including parliament. All the planned activities in the budget are geared towards ensuring that the boundary review process meets the expectations of Kenyans and is also in conformity with international best practices.

Benchmarking is one of the ways used to ensure adoption of international best practices. However the Commission is exploring various ways of benchmarking, including desktop literature reviews, inviting experts among others. The Commission will eventually adopt the most practical and cost effective method of acquiring best practices

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