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**SUBJECT: STAKEHOLDERS MONITORING VISIT TO INFORM LYKOS (HELLAS) SA
FACTORY IN GREECE**

The Commission contracted Inform Lykos (Hellas) SA to print ballot papers for the 2022 General Election. The printing of ballot papers is currently ongoing in the Company's premises in Athens, Greece.

Article 81, (e) of the Kenya Constitution on the principals of electoral system demands that the Commission shall comply and be transparent and conduct its activities in an impartial, neutral, efficient, accurate and accountable manner. Moreover, article 88 says that the Commission is responsible for conducting elections and facilitation of the observation, monitoring and evaluation of elections.

The Commission extended an invitation to representatives of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition, United Democratic Alliance Party, Roots Party, Agano Party, Inter Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK), Media Council of Kenya (MCK), Kenya Union of Journalists, Civil Society, Elections Observation Group (ELOG), Kenya Editors Guild, Office of Registrar of Political Parties and Political Parties Liaison Committee (PPLC) for monitoring of the 2022 Presidential ballot paper printing for quality checks and assurance. However, Presidential candidates for Roots Party and Agano Party, and PPLC did not send their representatives to Greece.

During the visit, the monitoring delegation was taken through a detailed profile of the Inform Lykos (Hellas) SA company, the variety of products the company deals with in other countries including printing of bank credit cards, visa credit cards, issuing pin numbers for bank cards, drug authentication labels, excise stamps, ballot papers, smart ticketing, lottery coupons, graduate

certificates, bills and statements. The company has over 100 years' experience in security printing and is among the largest in the world.

Second, the monitoring delegation inspected the security features imprinted on the ballot papers and witnessed printing and packaging of ballot papers into booklets, boxes and palettes, and labelling ready for shipment. They also verified the security features on the statutory documents printed that will accompany the ballots to the polling stations.

Third, the delegation was shown how Inform Lykos (Hellas) SA company destroys damaged ballot papers, a process that they carry out daily by use of huge shredding machines. The company has an elaborate pallet tracking safety system, where pallets are given codes that track them from the factory press in Athens to cargo planes and delivery at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and all the way to the Commission's warehouse and constituencies.

However, the team takes note of the printer's concern especially on the late court ruling that delayed the printing schedule. The company had planned that the last delivery date would be on July 29th, 2022, however due to the court ruling delay, the final delivery date will be 3rd August 2022.

Currently, there are 65.2 million ballots out of the total of 132 million in the Commission's warehouse. These are contained in 143,821 boxes and wrapped in 1,994 pallets. Today's consignment of 225 pallets is the first batch for the Presidential Candidates, which we have come with from Greece. A total of 865 Presidential ballot papers pallets will be ferried in for the General Election exercise using both private cargo planes and commercial airlines. The second batch of Presidential ballot papers of 300 pallets will arrive in Nairobi on July 29rd, 2022 while the final consignment of 340 pallets will arrive on 3rd August, 2022.





Today's consignment of Presidential ballot papers is meant for 18 counties namelybeing Mombasa (19 pallets), Kwale (14), Kilifi (20), Tana River (8), Lamu (4), Taita Taveta (6), Garissa (10), Wajir (6), Marsabit (10), Isiolo (5), Meru (27), Tharaka Nithi (9), Embu (14), Kitui (27), Machakos (18), Makueni (12), Nyandarua (8) and Nyeri (8). In each pallet, there are about 54 boxes for a constituency, and it represents one elective post.

The Diaspora ballot papers will also be ferried to Nairobi first before being distributed to their various destinations in the 12 foreign countries that the voting exercise will be taking place. The Diaspora ballot papers will be in two (2) pallets for the 27 polling stations and will arrive in Nairobi on July 28rd, 2022 aboard a commercial airline.

The printer Inform Lykos (Hellas) SA has also given the Commission the dispatch schedule of all ballot papers for the other five elective positions, whose delivery has been ongoing.

In conclusion, the monitoring delegation is impressed and satisfied that the printing process is properly executed, and the control checks put in place are sufficient to safeguard the integrity of the ballot.

Thank you. God Bless Kenya.

1. Rev. Fr. Joseph Mutie - IRCK  27/7/22
2. Verna Mwambi - Azimio La Umoja
One Kenya Coalition Party  27/7/22
3. Juliana Cherera - IEBC V.C.  27/7/22
4. Anthony Mwaure - KENYA KWANZA  27/7/22