



REMARKS ON RETURN OF THE BIOMETRIC REGISTRATION KITS BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

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Following consultations between the commission and the Ministry of Public Service and Youth Affairs, today the commission is receiving 196 out of 200 biometric registration kits that had been transferred to the ministry of devolution and planning on 2nd September, 2014, for purposes of registration of civil servants as part of capacity assessment and rationalization of the public service. Four (4) kits are at the Gigiri police station for police investigations.

During the press briefing at Gigiri police station, where both the commission and the ministry sought to address allegations that the national youth service personnel were illegally registering voters, the ministry committed to collect all kits to a central point. On our part, we preferred having the kits back with us. That is what we have done today. I wish to thank the ministry for their utmost cooperation on this matter. And just as the 200 kits were publicly handed over to the ministry, we thought it was prudent to receive them back in public.

We took this step in order to assure the public of our commitment to free and fair elections. We wish to confirm that at the time of transfer, all the kits were cleaned and the BVR software removed. So far, we do not have any evidence that these kits were used to register voters. It is our hope that with return of the kits, we shall also have closure on this matter.

It is our duty to allay any fears that may arise out acts of commission or omission on the part of the commission, especially at a time like this. We invite anyone out there who may have concerns that are likely going to affect preparations for elections to come forward and share with us and we shall do our best to address those concerns.

Thank you very much.

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