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**Statement on Progress of Electoral Activities under the Roadmap for the
2011 General Elections - Wednesday 30th June 2010**

Introduction

Our esteemed partners, members of the press,

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to our press briefing today. On behalf of the Electoral Commission, I would like to thank you for the good work you are doing of informing the country and the world at large about the electoral process in Uganda.

Today, the Commission would like to update the public concerning the progress we have made in processing returns from the update exercise, as well as preparations for election of interim councils for the newly-created districts.

**Processing Returns from the Exercise for the General Update of the
National Voters' Register**

The Commission has received all data and equipment from the field and is now capturing all the returns onto the **Central Database**.

The Commission expects to conclude this exercise by **4th of July, 2010**; thereafter, the final figures from the update/registration exercise shall be officially published.

As earlier announced to you, the Commission is making the necessary preparations for our next nation-wide electoral activity, namely, the Display of the National Voters' Register.

The Revised Roadmap for the 2010-2011 General Elections:-

i.	Field Display of Voters' Register at each Polling Stations	August 11, 2010	August 31, 2010
ii.	Display of Tribunal recommendations	September 3, 2010	September 13 2010

- i) Nomination of Candidates (Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Governments);

a)	Presidential	October 25, 2010	October 26, 2010
b)	Parliamentary	November 25, 2010	November 26, 2010
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Concerning Amendments to Electoral Laws

The Commission wishes to correct a wrong impression created by some sections of the public, including the media, to the effect that the Commission has not welcomed certain provisions in the recently amended electoral laws, particularly Section 18A of the Electoral Commission (Amendment) Act 2010, which requires the Commission to produce and avail hard copies of the National Voters' Register to all political parties and organisations participating in the elections, at least two weeks before the election.

The Commission welcomes amendments to the electoral laws because they will enhance transparency in the electoral process.

However, it is well-known that all laws have cost-implications; the Commission is planning for compliancy, and has noted that provisions like the one cited above, will involve considerable logistical and financial implications, especially as the amendment came after approval of the election budget. We are engaging the relevant authorities to ensure that necessary funds are available to enable implementation of such provisions.

Concerning the Election of Interim District Chairpersons in newly-created Districts (S.182, Local Government Act (Cap 243))

The Electoral Commission is finalising the programme for election of Interim District Chairpersons in the new districts which will become operational effective **1st July 2010**.

The elections will be conducted in the following newly created districts (see attachment).

The following guidelines shall apply during the exercise:

- Voting shall be by Electoral College and shall take place at the respective new district headquarters beginning at 10:00am.
- The Electoral College for the election of the Interim District Chairpersons shall comprise of all members of the original district council representing the sub-counties and other electoral areas within the new districts.
- An Interim Local Government Council shall elect an Interim Chairperson from among the members of the council by secret ballot.
- The quorum at a meeting for the election of Interim District Chairperson shall be two thirds of all members of the Interim Council.

The Commission shall publish the date at the end of this week.

Conclusion

Once again, the Commission would like to thank the electorate and all stakeholders in the electoral process for the support rendered to all planned electoral activities leading to the 2011 General Elections.

I thank you,

For God and my Country,

Ongaria Stephen
Ag Chairperson, Electoral Commission

LIST OF NEWLY CREATED DISTRICTS

No.	District	Mother District
1.	Alebtong	Lira
2.	Bukomansimbi	Masaka
3.	Bulambuli	Sironko
4.	Butambala	Mpigi
5.	Buvuma	Mukono
6.	Gomba	Mpigi
7.	Kalungu	Masaka
8.	Kibingo	Bushenyi
9.	Kibuku	Pallisa
10.	Kiryandongo	Masindi
11.	Kole	Apac
12.	Kween	Kapchorwa
13.	Kyankwanzi	Kiboga
14.	Luuka	Iganga
15.	Lwengo	Masaka
16.	Mitooma	Bushenyi
17.	Namayingo	Bugiri
18.	Napak	Moroto
19.	Ngora	Kumi
20.	Nsiika	Bushenyi
21.	Ntoroko	Bundibugyo
22.	Nwoya	Amuru
23.	Rubirizi	Bushenyi
24.	Serere	Soroti