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GENERAL UPDATE OF THE NATIONAL VOTERS' REGISTER

Reference is made to the Electoral Commission Roadmap that was issued on 24th November, 2009, by the Electoral Commission, and distributed to various stakeholders in the electoral process.

Please take note that the Electoral Commission has made revisions to the above Roadmap.

Whereas the period for the General Update of the National Voters' Register was earlier indicated as **15th April – 15th May 2010**, a new date has been set, and the exercise shall now commence from **3rd May 2010 to 4th June 2010**.

The update exercise shall be conducted at update stations within each parish throughout the country from 8:00am till 6:00pm, on each of the appointed dates, including weekends.

This is not fresh registration of all voters in Uganda, but rather an exercise to enable Ugandan citizens of 18 years and above, who have not had their pictures and bio-data taken before by the Electoral Commission for purposes of registration for elections, to do so.

This registration exercise shall include capturing of the following data:

- a. The photograph of the applicant;
- b. The finger prints (for all available fingers);
- c. The signature of applicant;
- d. Bio-data of the applicant, namely, the names, parents' names, date of birth, sub county, parish and village of origin, as well as sub county, parish and village of residence; and,
- e. The applicant's preferred polling station, which must be within the parish of origin or residence.

The public should also note the following:

- All those persons who were registered and had their photographs taken, but (the photographs) do not appear on the National Voters' Register, should turn up and have their photographs retaken during this exercise.
- All registered voters who wish to transfer to new voting locations shall be able to do so during this exercise.
- The Electoral Commission shall avail the National Voters' Register for each voting location so that existing voters check and confirm their registration status.

The Commission calls upon all stakeholders, namely political parties and organisations, civil society organisations, the media and the electorate to play their respective roles and make the national update exercise a success.

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