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The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission would like to announce that the consolidated voters' roll for the 2018 harmonised elections is now available. This is indeed a historic moment for the Commission and the generality of all Zimbabweans who have remained patient up to this day. As you may be aware the function to register voters was bestowed on ZEC by the Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment No. 20 in 2013, a function which previously fell under the ambit of the Registrar General's Office.

Nomination Courts

The Nomination Courts sat on 14 June 2018 from 1000 o'clock in the morning and closed at 4pm as fixed in Proclamation No.2 of 2018. However, processing of documents continued well into the night owing to an overwhelming response by aspiring candidates.

The purpose of the nomination courts was to facilitate the nomination of prospective candidates in the upcoming harmonised elections by the electorate and to vet the candidates to ensure that they met certain criteria set by the law in order for them to participate in the upcoming harmonized elections.

Nominations of candidates for election to the office of the President sat at the High Court Mapondera Building Court A.

Nominations of National Assembly Constituency candidates, party list candidates to the Senate, National Assembly and Provincial Councils (for the non-metropolitan provinces) sat at the various Provincial Magistrate Courts in the ten provinces.

In respect of the election of councilors, the nomination courts sat at the offices of the Chief Executive Officers of the respective local authorities.

As most of you are now aware, 23 aspiring presidential candidates were successfully nominated. These include three women and one independent.

With respect to Manicaland province, **194** candidates were successfully nominated for the National Assembly elections while in Harare metropolitan province the figure was **308** successful nominees.

We are now in the process of collecting and collating all the statistics from our 10 provinces to facilitate the gazetting

of the names of all successfully nominated candidates. Thereafter, all successfully nominated candidates will be availed with electronic copies of the final voters at our expense.

The Commission is aware that the voters' roll is a critical component of the electoral process and in some instances, a source of electoral disputes. Be that as it may, the Commission hopes that the voters' roll that is being availed today will meet public expectations and stakeholders who have devoted their precious time and resources in complementing ZEC's efforts towards this achievement.

The electronic copies of the voters' roll will be availed to candidates contesting the forthcoming harmonised elections free of charge in terms

of Section 21 (6) of the Electoral Act [Chapter 2:13]. Copies will also be available to members of the public at fees prescribed as follows:

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| (i) | Ward voters' roll | - | US\$2,00 |
| (ii) | Constituency voters' roll | - | US\$10,00 |
| (iii) | National voters' roll | - | US\$20,00 |

A hard black and white copy of the voters' roll shall be ten cents per page for the national, polling station, ward and constituency voters' rolls.

The voters' roll contains a total of **5,681,604** registered voters. This figure excludes those who registered after the cut-off date of 1 June 2018 and those on the exclusion list. The exclusion list has entries which include the deceased, those with ID queries such as sharing the same ID number and invalid IDs as well as some multiple registrants and those whose data is yet to be decrypted who registered during the inspection period.

The Commission would like to take this opportunity to appeal to all political parties and independent candidates to campaign peacefully and desist from intimidating voters so that the country has a free, fair and credible election. ZEC further advises the media to give balanced coverage to all political parties and independent candidates.

Once again the Commission would like to thank all its stakeholders for supporting the country's electoral process.

I Thank You

Mrs Justice P.M Chigumba
Chairperson

ZIMBABWE ELECTORAL COMMISSION