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ALLEGATIONS BY THE LANDLESS PEOPLE MOVEMENT ON THE BALLOT BOXES OF THE SWAKOPMUND CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION

The ECN hereby takes strong exception of the allegations made by the Landless Peoples Movement (LPM), during its press conference of 09th August 2022 regarding the ongoing Swakopmund Constituency by-election. The specific allegation is that one of the ballot boxes carrying ballot papers was found to be open upon arrival at the Mondesa Police Station.

ECN wishes to confirm that there was no ballot box open as alleged and that all ECN seals and seals of all political parties affixed to all ballot boxes in Windhoek were still intact at the time of offloading at the Mondesa Police Station. This was verified and confirmed by all political parties' representatives present including the LPM.

The ECN wishes to reassure all stakeholders including the electorate of the Swakopmund Constituency that all processes of this by-election remain above board, transparent and credible. As part of upholding our value of inclusivity, all contesting political parties were given an opportunity to observe all key stages of the pre-electoral phase of this by-election including the printing and final distribution of ballot papers. In affirmation of this, the LPM on their own accord was the only

political party that accompanied the escort convoy of sensitive election materials from the ECN HQ in Windhoek to Swakopmund on Sunday, **07th August 2022**.

As can be ascertained throughout our preparations for this by-election, the ECN remain committed to executing its sacred obligation of strengthening our constitutional democracy and the promotion of inclusive democratic electoral and referenda processes.

The Commission urges all political parties to refrain from any malicious conduct or from spreading false information that might derail electoral processes.

Finally, the Commission encourages all registered voters to go out in numbers to exercise their democratic rights and **VOTE on the 12th August 2022**.

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