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## Press Statement for Immediate Release

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON POLITICAL PARTIES MEMBERSHIP UPON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022 DEADLINE, SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ORPP 2022 GENERAL ELECTION ACTION PLAN**

### 1.0 Role of ORPP in the 9<sup>th</sup> August General Election

In line with its mandate, Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is by virtue of Section 34 and related provisions in the Political Parties Act, 2011 (PPA) obliged to, *inter alia*; verify and make available the list of all party members, symbols of political parties; ensure that no person is a member of more than one political party; supervise parties to comply with the PPA; certify the political parties membership register and certify symbols of independent candidates.

The deadline for being a member of a political party one would wish to contest on in the 2022 general election lapsed on **26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**.

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) appreciates political parties and individual members for processing their membership accordingly within the legal timelines.

Following the deadline, ORPP wishes to update the public on the subject as follows:

#### a) Status of current political parties' membership register

The current total members of political parties as at 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 stands at 24,005,714; comprising of male; 15,363,657 (64%) and 8,642,057 (36%) females.

#### b) Certification of political parties membership register

By **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**, a total of **82 political parties** had submitted to Registrar party registers for certification. The Registrar of Political Parties will certify membership registers within seven (7) days from the date of submission. The deadline for submission of certified party membership register to IEBC is 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.



The process of certification of the registers by the Registrar will entail:

- Verification of data of party registers will entail certifying that persons in the membership lists meets the requirements of the PPA in the following terms;
  - ✓ Kenyan Citizen
  - ✓ Adult
  - ✓ Is not a member in more than one political party
- The aspirants lists submitted will be verified against membership register to ascertain that the aspirants are members of respective parties.
- Emerging administrative concerns (if any) that may emanate from the verification will be handled on case-by-case basis with the concerned political party.
- Upon verification, Registrar will issue a certified party membership register in printed format and a read-only soft copy to each of the party.

**c) Closure of Integrated Political Parties Management System**

Integrated Political Parties Management System (IPPMS) is a data hosting platform used by ORPP to manage political parties records including party registers. The IPPMS will be closed to enable verification of membership registers for the seven (7) days. Effectively, political membership services on eCitizen; access through USSD code\*509# and web-based service through <http://ippms.orpp.or.ke> have been temporarily halted for the period. However, parties are at liberty to continue recruitment of eligible party members using various methods including manual processes. Party members recruited to parties after the 26<sup>th</sup> March deadline will not be in the certified party registers.

**d) Independent Candidates**

In line ORPP's role, persons who wish to contest in an election as independent candidates are required to meet the requirements under Article 85 of the Constitution; not be members of a political party at least 3 months to the date of election. According to the Gazette Notice on the general election, they are required to submit their clearance letters and proposed symbols to IEBC by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

By close of business of **28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**, **912** persons had manually applied to ORPP for clearance that they not members of political parties, out of which **650** applications had been processed and clearance letters issued. Equally, the Registrar issued letters certifying that proposed symbols do not resemble symbols of political parties.

The ORPP is also at the final stage of developing an independent candidates Management System to supplement the manual process. This system shall enable aspirants to submit their requests for clearance letters and symbols upon payment of search fee of KES 500, payable through MPESA Paybill No. **8039455**.

Persons who have already submitted their requests are advised not to resubmit again when the system is up and running.



Independent candidates' requirements for submission for clearance by ORPP are:

1. Submit a letter to the Registrar seeking clearance as an independent candidate. The letter should provide particulars of the electoral area and elective seat. The letter to be accompanied with;
  - ✓ A copy of the National Identification Card or valid Kenyan Passport.
  - ✓ A notice of resignation in form a letter as submitted to the political party. (This applies to those registered members in any political party).
  - ✓ A political party membership status print-out generated from ORPP membership service on e-Citizen platform. (This service shall be available upon conclusion of the verification process).
2. A letter addressed to the Registrar providing:
  - ✓ At least five (5) proposed symbols in order of preference;
  - ✓ Each symbol to bear a name;
  - ✓ The symbols to be submitted in electronic format and printed in colour.

## 2.0 Other Salient timelines

### e) Party nominations

Political parties are required to submit and publish their party nominations particulars in their official website. Further, they are required to conduct party nominations and resolve intra-party disputes arising from party nominations by **22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022**.

Details of to be made public include:

- i) Method of nominations- A political party may conduct party nominations as provided in their nomination rules through;
  - ✓ Direct nominations wherein a political party elects its candidates for an election through all its registered members; and
  - ✓ Indirect nomination wherein a political party selects its candidates for an election through the use of delegates selected from registered members of the political party and interviews.
- ii) Dates and venues of nominations;
- iii) List of aspirants to participate in nominations.

ORPP shall publish the dates and venues of party nominations in the ORPP website within seven (7) days before the date of nomination. Parties are called upon to submit the said details.

### f) Other general election requirements and deadlines

Political parties and party members are reminded to be cognizant of the applicable deadlines and requirements contained in election calendar available on IEBC; <https://www.iebc.or.ke/> and ORPP website; <https://www.orpp.or.ke/index.php/general-election-matters>



**g) Recruitment of county and constituency monitors**

The ORPP is in the process of recruitment of County and Constituency Monitors. The Monitors will be engaged in monitoring party activities including assessing political parties adherence to the Political Parties Code of Conduct in all the counties and 290 constituencies. The recruitment process is expected to be completed in the month of April, 2022.

**3.0 Conclusion**

The ORPP has made necessary preparations in line with its Action Plan for the 2022 General Election to effectively execute its role in the general election including forging necessary collaborations with relevant agencies. The Registrar appeals for peaceful party nominations, a key stage in the build up to free and fair 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 general election.

This Office thanks political parties for their preparation towards the general election. Parties are urged to take note and observe the Code of Conduct for Political Parties under the First Schedule to the Political Parties Act, 2011.



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