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Press Release re IEC Election Processes and Election Outcome - 11 June 2024 – Without Prejudice.

What truly happened on the 29th of May 2024?

Time for South Africans to Wake Up, Stand Up and Take Responsibility for true change in our Nation!

We at Hope4SA, believe there is valid reason to be concerned at the IEC's off-handed attitude after receiving 579 objections, by only giving vague recognition to the former rather than recognizing the possibility that the above number could be just a sample of what realistically took place across South Africa on elections day. We are concerned that there has been an alleged pattern of wide-spread fraud that is summarily being dismissed by the IEC as not having a material effect on the outcome.

On 29th May 2024 South Africans appeared to show great interest and attendance at the poles as votes realized towards change in our 'burning' country, however, the results have not appeared to reflect what was 'felt' on the ground when speaking to the general public, which gave indication of more voters than in the previous elections (not the official voter turnout of 58,64%).

The Independent Electoral Commission professes to be a pre-eminent leader in electoral democracy, an independent constitutional body which manages free and fair elections of legislative bodies and institutions through the participation of citizens, political parties and civil society in deepening electoral democracy with values that serve the needs of stakeholders, including the electorate, political parties, the media and permanent and temporary staff, the organization claims to subscribe to the values of impartiality, integrity, accountability, transparency, participation, responsiveness and respect.

In past elections there have been murmurings of fraudulent election processes without seemingly having a voice or outcome, this time was different. As the 2024 elections progressed so did the murmurings for wrong-doing and fraud begin to emerge amongst the parties at the National Results Operations Center, culminating in collective and various complaints from across South Africa and a need for meetings between interested parties to discuss the way forward.

Not all parties have the means or will to further the cause but all, if not most, appeared affected, and it is noted that some parties have taken this further than just the Section 55 objection process as first advised by the IEC. This was possibility due to the apparent off-handed manner in which the IEC appeared to acknowledge the urgency and depth of objections received from the public through the various parties, where apparent election fraud was blatant, with electoral boxes not sealed, some boxes not opened and counted, agents sent out from the voting stations, dummy

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forms been signed off and then re-written onto the 'official' capture form with shown discrepancies which were then submitted accordingly. These are just some on the objections that came pouring in, including a measure of what we received. (It needs to be mentioned and noted that this is the first time a 'dummy' slip has been introduced into an election process and not part of the officially documented election process).

During a National Party Liaison Committee meeting, when much dissatisfaction was expressed by the parties it was agreed to extend the time for lodging objections, however, the evening before the Gala, with last announcements by the IEC, it was noted, what appeared to be, a very off-handed, almost arrogant approach by IEC Commissioners in their intent to 'handle' the Section 55 objections before the results release the next day, stating expressly that the 'show' will go on even if they have to work through the night to complete the objections. The time frame given for lodging objections and the framework for lodging does not, if one realistically assesses, allow for effective analysis and efficient objection lodging.

In light of the above, one notes the IEC's self-professed values of impartiality, integrity, accountability, transparency, participation, responsiveness and respect and this begs the question as to the attitude and heart of the persons responsible in the IEC truly following their mandate to provide free and fair elections, and demonstrate accountability, transparency and openness in order to produce election results that truly reflect all South African Hearts.

We, as Hope4SA, feel it is both the responsibility of the IEC, political parties and all stakeholders, including voters, to ensure free and fair elections, hence we have party agents, observers and the electoral system; highlighting the fact that many political parties did not find these elections free and fair due to the serious objections launched before the announcement of the election results.

We are therefore of the opinion that the IEC have deliberately ignored the democratic rights of the voters and respective political parties to satisfy themselves before the announcement of the electoral results. As a result, many of these parties have filed a case with the electoral court to seek for intervention.

Considering this, and as a starting point, we petition that an independent audit be done of all 'dummy' vs. capture slips, across all electoral voting stations, followed by investigations into the various and numerous complaints received to establish a bigger picture and a platform to truly seek that which is free and fair toward the best interests of all South Africans.

Hope4SA advocates for transparency, truth, honesty, integrity and unity amongst those who desire to see South Africa thrive as One Nation in Unity under God!

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