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UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR DECEMBER 7 ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission has briefed the political parties on its preparations so far towards conducting the 2016 elections. At the Inter-Party Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday September 8, 2016, the Commission advised as follows:

1. The Commission will be accepting nominations from Presidential and Parliamentary candidates on **29th and 30th September, 2016**. Presidential candidates are required to pay a filing fee of GHS**50,000** while Parliamentary candidates are required to pay GHS**10,000**. Meanwhile the Commission will consider a request made by some of the political parties for the filing fees to be reviewed downward.
2. All political parties will be given copies of the certified Voters Register by **September 23, 2016**.
3. The Commission will begin the recruitment of election officials for the 2016 elections next week. Details of qualifications, skills required and the application process will be announced next week.
4. The Commission will also announce the criteria and the procedure for Election observer accreditation next week.
5. The updated electoral calendar will be released and shared with all stakeholders by **September 9, 2016**.
6. Exhibition of the Provisional Voters Register for persons who registered during the CVR, in the prisons, and NHIS registrants will take place on September 9 and 10, 2016 nationwide. Political parties are encouraged to send their agents to observe the exhibition of the voters register at the District Offices of the Commission and the prisons. The Commission would like to urge all registered voters in these categories to visit the District Offices of the EC to confirm their details on the register.
7. Special voting for media, security personnel and election officials will take place on **December 1, 2016**.



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8. Transfer of votes for the general voting public will take place from **September 9 to October 7, 2016.**

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