



INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS AT THE CLOSE OF THE NATIONAL TALLYING

CENTER AT

BOMAS OF KENYA NAIROBI ON THE 9TH MARCH, 2013

EMAIL: ahmedissack786@yahoo.com/ahmedissack786@gmail.com

FELLOW KENYANS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

THE LONG ROAD TO THE 2013 ELECTIONS IS NOW DRAWING CLOSE. THE SIX BALLOT ELECTION, WHICH THE NEW CONSTITUTION STIPULATED THAT IT BE UNDERTAKEN ALL ON A SINGLE DAY, WAS QUITE AMBITIOUS AND CHALLENGING TO BOTH THE ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODY AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

THE IEBC WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL AND IN A SPECIAL WAY ALL KENYANS FOR YOUR PATIENCE, TRUST AND FAITH IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AND IN THE COMMISSION. IT IS YOUR PROFOUND GOODWILL THAT ENABLED US TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH THIS ENOURMOUS MANDATE OF CONDUCTING THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

WE OWE IT ALL TO THE SUPPORT OF VARIOUS GROUPS, INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, WHO SUPPORTED THE COMMISSION THROUGH TECHNICAL ADVICE, FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS WHO HAVE GONE TO ALL CORNERS OF THIS COUNTRY TO ASSESS OUR PROCESS. THEY CANDIDLY SHARED WITH US THEIR PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND THIS WAS VERY HELPFUL TO THE COMMISSION. VARIOUS LINE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, THE FORD FOUNDATION, UNDP, INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ELECTION SYSTEMS, POLITICAL PARTIES,

VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AND OTHER KEY PLAYERS MADE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE NOW CULMINATED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE WHOLE PROCESS.

WE ALSO HAD PRIVATE FIRMS WHO CONTRIBUTED SOFT DRINKS AND COFFEE THAT KEPT THE STAFF HERE AT THE NATIONAL ELECTION CENTRE ENERGIZED FOR THE RIGOROUS EXERCISE.

THE MEDIA DESERVES SPECIAL MENTION, FOR CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN A MOST EXEMPLARY AND RESPONSIBLE WAY. IF THERE WAS A TIME WE NEEDED A PARTNER TO MODERATE THE RISING TEMPERATURES, THIS WAS IT AND THE MEDIA CAME THROUGH IN A SPLENDID WAY. THEY HANDLED ISSUES WITH MODESTY AND PROFESSIONALISM. SOME RADIO STATIONS DECIDED TO RUN A GO TO WORK CAMPAIGN EVEN AS IEBC WAS COUNTING AND TALLYING THE RESULTS.

IF I MAY PUT IT PLAINLY **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**, ON THE 4TH OF MARCH 2013, WE HAD A RENDEVOUS WITH HISTORY. OUR TASK WAS TO CONDUCT AND MANAGE A RATHER COMPLEX ELECTION UNDER A NEW CONSTITUTION.

NO ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODY WITHIN AND BEYOND THE REGION HAS HAD THE COURAGE AND RESOLVE TO DO WHAT WE HAVE DONE. WE KNEW WE WERE VENTURING INTO HUGE LOGISTICS, HIGH COSTS, IF NOT UNFORGIVING, HIGH EXPECTATIONS. WE PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD AND WE RESOLVE TO GET IT RIGHT.

THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF DETERMINATION, DILIGENCE AND COMMITMENT WITH WHICH WE APPROACHED THIS TASK ON MARCH 4. AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ELECTORAL PROCESS, WE FACED SOME TECHNICAL CHALLENGES, IN **EVID** - ELECTRONIC VOTER IDENTIFICATION DEVICES, TO IDENTIFY VOTERS ON THE VOTING DAY AND **RTS** - RESULT TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE POLLING STATION TO THE CONSTITUENCY, COUNTY AND NATIONAL TALLYING CENTERS WHICH NOT ONLY LED TO DELAYS IN THE OVERALL TRANSMISSION AND TALLYING OF RESULTS, BUT ALSO RAISED DOUBTS ABOUT OUR STATE OF PREPAREDNESS.

INSPIRE OF THIS THE COMMISSION MANAGED TO CONDUCT ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX ELECTIONS IN ONE DAY AND IT IS SATISFIED OVERALL THAT THE ELECTION WAS CREDIBLE AND TRANSPARENT.

I WANT TO CORRECT THE IMPRESSION THAT IEBC RESORTED TO MANUAL COUNTING OF VOTES INSTEAD OF THE FULL TRANSMISSION OF

PROVISIONAL RESULTS. THE PHYSICAL PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS BY RETURNING OFFICERS WAS ALWAYS THE LEGAL OPTION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WISH TO CONFIRM THAT THE COMMISSION HAS LEARNED VERY VALUABLE LESSONS FROM THESE CHALLENGES AND IS NOW TAKING MEASURES TO AUDIT ITS ENTIRE GENERAL ELECTION OPERATIONS TO HELP IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THESE AND ANY OTHER PROBLEMS THAT MAY CROP UP.

IN THE WORDS OF **THOMAS PAINE**:-

“THE HARDER THE CONFLICT, THE GLORIOUS THE TRIUMPH. WHAT WE OBTAIN TOO CHEAPLY, WE ESTEEM TOO LIGHTLY; IT IS DEARNESS ONLY THAT GIVES EVERYTHING ITS VALUE. HAPPY IS THIS MAN THAT CAN SMILE IN TROUBLE, THAT CAN GATHER STRENGTH FROM DISTRESS AND GROW”. –

THIS IS WHAT I TRULY FEEL AS I STAND BEFORE YOU. I CAN SAY WITH FULL CONFIDENCE, THAT TOGETHER WE HAVE DONE OUR COUNTRY PROUD. WE TURNED OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS TO EXERCISE OUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO CHOOSE OUR LEADERS. WE DID SO CALMLY, PATIENTLY, PROUDLY, AND IN THE FULL GLARE OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

IT WAS OUR MOMENT, AND WE SEIZED IT. THE NUMBER OF VOTERS WAS IMPRESSIVE AND HISTORIC, THE DETERMINATION AND RESOLVE OF OUR PEOPLE UNMATCHED. THE LONG QUEUES OF OUR FELLOW COMPATRIOTS THAT STRETCHED FOR MILES WILL FOREVER BE ENTRENCHED IN OUR NATIONAL PSYCHE AND REMIND US OF THE VALUE AND COST OF BEING ABLE TO CHOOSE OUR LEADERS IN A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

FELLOW KENYANS REFLECTING A LITTLE BACK ON THE LONG PATH WE'VE UNDERTAKEN TO BUILD OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ... ON 4TH AUGUST 2010, WHEN WE VOTED FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR KENYA, WE MADE OUR COLLECTIVE DECISION TO ENTRENCH DEMOCRACY IN OUR COUNTRY, ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONS AND BECOME A COUNTRY THAT IS GOVERNED BY THE RULE OF LAW. ON THAT DAY WE REJECTED IMPUNITY AND EMBRACED ACCOUNTABILITY.

YOU HAVE DONE YOUR DUTY AND MADE CLEAR YOUR CHOICE. NOW, WE AT THE COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF KENYA MUST CONTINUALLY FULFILL OURS.

FINALLY MY FELLOW KENYANS AS WE DO SO, WE URGE YOU AGAIN, TO RECALL OUR COMMITMENT TO THE RULE OF LAW AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OUR ACTIONS. LET US ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR FUTURE AND DO THE RIGHT THING.

WE REMEMBER THE LOSS OF LIVES OF OUR STAFF AND SECURITY OFFICERS. THEY WERE KILLED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR NATION WHILE DELIVERING THE VOTE AND SECURING IT FOR THE PEOPLE OF KENYA. THEY ARE MARTYRS AND HEROES. WE OWE THEM A SPECIAL GRATITUDE.

THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZES THE SPECIAL SPACE OCCUPIED BY THE BOMAS OF KENYA IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF KENYANS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONSTITUTION. FOR THIS REASON, THE COMMISSION CHOSE IT AS ITS VENUE TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST HISTORIC ELECTION UNDER THE KENYA CONSTITUTION.

AT A PERSONAL LEVEL, I FEEL GREATLY HONORED THAT I WAS A MEMBER OF THE CKRC – CONSTITUTION OF KENYA REVIEW COMMISSION THAT DRAFTED THE FIRST BOMAS DRAFT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA AND AS A CHAIR OF IIEC – INTERIM INDEPENDENT AND ELECTORAL COMMISSION I WAS HONORED TO PRESIDE OVER AND ANNOUNCE, HERE AT BOMAS, THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION AFTER THE 4TH AUGUST, 2010 REFERENDUM. TODAY IS A HISTORIC MOMENT TO ONCE AGAIN STAND HERE AT BOMAS TO ANNOUNCE THE PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS OF THE FIRST ELECTIONS HELD UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

IN ADDITION, I WISH TO THANK OUR STAFF, THE VOTERS, POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES SECURITY PERSONNEL, AND THE UNITY OF PURPOSE PORTRAYED TO THE COMMISSION. WE STOOD FIRM AND UNITED DESPITE THE CHALLENGES.

THE COMMISSION'S APPOINTED RETURNING OFFICERS FOR CONSTITUENCIES AND COUNTIES HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS AND DECLARED THE WINNER OF THE ELECTIONS FOR MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE, SENATOR AND GOVERNOR.

WE AT THE COMMISSION ARE HONORED TO HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THIS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY AND THANK YOU FOR THIS PRIVILEGE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PURSUANT TO THE LAW, ARTICLE (4) OF THE CONSTITUTION, A CANDIDATE SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED AS PRESIDENT IF THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES—

(A) MORE THAN HALF OF ALL THE VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTION;

AND

(B) AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE VOTES CAST IN EACH OF MORE THAN HALF OF THE COUNTIES.

IN THIS REGARD FELLOW KENYANS, BY THE POWERS VESTED IN ME UNDER ARTICLE 138 (4) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA, SECTION 39 OF THE ELECTIONS ACT 2011 AND REGULATION 87 (4) OF THE GENERAL ELECTION REGULATIONS 2012, ALLOW ME NOW TO PROVIDE YOU IN TOTAL HUMILITY WITH THE FINAL TALLY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS.

Presidential Election Results (2013)

Presidential Candidate/ Running mate	Coalition/ Party	Popular Vote	% of Cast Votes	% of Valid Votes
Uhuru Kenyatta/ William Ruto	Jubilee Alliance/TNA	6,173,433	50.07%	50.51%
Raila Odinga/ Kalonzo Musyoka	Coalition for Reforms and Democracy/ODM	5,340,546	43.31%	43.70%
Musalia Mudavadi/ Jeremiah Ngayu Kioni	Amani Coalition/UDF	483,981	3.93%	3.96%
Peter Kenneth/ Ronald Osumba	Eagle Alliance/ KNC	72,786	0.59%	0.60%
Mohammed Abduba Dida/ Joshua Odongo Onono	Alliance for Real Change	52,848	0.43%	0.43%
Martha Karua/ Augustine Lotodo	National Rainbow Coalition-Kenya	43,881	0.36%	0.36%
James ole Kiyiapi/ Winnie Kaburu	Restore and Build Kenya	40,998	0.33%	0.34%
Paul Muite/ Shem Ochuodho	Safina Party	12,580	0.10%	0.10%
Votes Cast			12,330,028	100%
Valid votes			12,221,053	99.12%
Spoilt votes			108,975	0.88%
Contested votes			--	--%
100.00% reporting (291 of 291 Constituencies)				
Voter turnout 85.91% (Registered Voters: 14,352,533)				

IN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 138 (4) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA, HON. UHURU KENYATTA RECEIVED TOTAL VOTES OF 6,173,433, REPRESENTING 50.07% OF THE VOTES CAST AND MORE THAN 25% OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE FOLLOWING 32 COUNTIES.

Counties in which Uhuru Kenyatta obtained more than 25%				
No	Code	County	Votes	%
1	4	Tana River	22,419	34.71%
2	5	Lamu	17,677	40.02%
3	7	Garissa	41,672	45.34%
4	8	Wajir	38,927	38.83%
5	9	Mandera	94,433	92.93%
6	10	Marsabit	42,406	47.18%
7	11	Isiolo	26,401	55.41%
8	12	Meru	384,290	89.41%
9	13	Tharaka Nithi	128,397	92.38%
10	14	Embu	177,676	89.00%
11	18	Nyandarua	232,808	97.11%
12	19	Nyeri	318,880	96.33%
13	20	Kirinyaga	231,868	95.99%
14	21	Murang'a	406,334	95.92%
15	22	Kiambu	705,185	90.21%
16	23	Turkana	30,235	29.85%
17	24	West Pokot	79,772	73.33%

18	25	Samburu	22,085	40.94%
19	26	Tran Nzoia	74,466	37.24%
20	27	Uasingishu	211,438	74.26%
21	28	Elgeyo Marakwet	113,680	92.07%
22	29	Nandi	192,587	81.52%
23	30	Baringo	138,488	87.93%
24	31	Laikipia	134,111	85.49%
25	32	Nakuru	494,239	80.19%
26	33	Narok	109,413	46.38%
27	34	Kajiado	138,851	52.36%
28	35	Kericho	238,556	90.74%
29	36	Bomet	210,501	92.68%
30	45	Kisii	95,596	27.42%
31	46	Nyamira	54,071	29.47%
32	47	Nairobi	659,490	46.75%
Total			5,866,952	
Minimum Number of counties				24
Number of counties in which he received more than 25%				32
Excess over Minimum				8

HAVING FULFILLED THESE REQUIREMENTS BY LAW, I THEREFORE WISH TO DECLARE HON. UHURU KENYATTA AS THE PRESIDENT – ELECT AND HON. WILLIAM RUTO AS THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT – ELECT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA.

THANK YOU GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS KENYA