OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Freetown, Sierra Leone, **15th March 2018**-The National Electoral Commission (NEC) has received reports of staff misconduct in Falaba. The Commission is duly concerned and Commissioner Macksood Gibril Sesay has returned to the region to gather full details.

In the meantime, a full recount has been ordered for all Parliamentary constituencies in the Falaba District; and senior electoral staff from the NEC headquarters will ensure that the process is concluded accurately and swiftly.

The Commission will release no further Parliamentary results today. Committed to accuracy and recognising the importance of every vote, electoral staff continues the tally process and Commissioners are returning to their respective regions to oversee the finalisation of Parliamentary and local election results.

Says NEC Chair, Mohamed Conteh, "We take very seriously our responsibility to voters and will only release results that we know to be accurate. Until then, we thank the public for their patience and the peaceful conduct that has come to characterise Sierra Leone."

With regard to Presidential election results, it has come to the attention of the NEC that a table released on 13 March has been subject to misinterpretation. When added together, percentages reflecting the proportion of votes received by each candidate are equal to 100.3 percent.

This is not an error, but the outcome of having rounded figures to their nearest decimal point. This does not affect election results in any way; and the Commission has also released a fully-elaborated table of figures, totalling exactly 100 percent. This table is visible to the public on the NEC website and has also been shared via social media.

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