

REMARKS

BY

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AND

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OF

THE COALITION FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE

AT A BRIEFING SESSION

BY

THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF LIBERIA

FOR ALL PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE ENSUING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 10,
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The Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commission;

Fellow Presidential Aspirants,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today, we gather here as leaders, each aspiring to serve our beloved country, Liberia, in the highest capacity. It is an honor to stand before you as the President of this great nation, and also as a candidate seeking a mandate for a second term.

The Farmington Declaration, which we recently signed, is not just a piece of paper; it is a solemn pledge to uphold the values of democracy, peace, and inclusivity. Together, through that document, we have made a promise to the people of Liberia to create an environment that is free from violence and conducive to free and fair elections.

We must therefore lead by example, and ensure that the electoral process is transparent and inclusive, thereby guaranteeing the unrestricted right of every citizen to exercise their franchise peacefully.

As we approach the October 10th General and Presidential Elections, let us remember that the success of these elections does not solely rest with me or any single individual. It requires the full and committed participation of all our citizens and the support of our friendly partners. Our collective interest in the well-being of

Liberia must always remain paramount, even as we pursue our individual political ambitions.

Liberia has come a long way since the dark days of conflict, and these upcoming elections present us with a unique opportunity to consolidate our democracy and showcase our country's maturity in handling its democratic processes. The fact that we will conduct these elections without a peacekeeping mission is a testament to our commitment to peace, security, and democracy.

It is a proud moment for Liberia, and we must seize it to demonstrate to the world that we are a nation capable of holding credible and transparent elections.

I assure you all that my administration, in collaboration with the National Elections Commission, will spare no effort in ensuring that the October 10th elections meet all national and international standards. We are determined to uphold the principles of democracy and provide a level playing field for all candidates and political parties.

But, as your President, and Leader, I must remind you that the task of building a peaceful and prosperous Liberia requires the collective efforts of every citizen, regardless of political affiliation. Let us put aside our differences and unite for the greater good of our nation. We must embrace dialogue, tolerance, and the spirit of national unity to overcome any challenges that may come our way.

Together, let us build a Liberia that is the pride of Africa—a Liberia that stands as a beacon of democracy and progress. With your unwavering support and the blessings of the Almighty, we shall achieve great things for our country.

May God bless you all, and may God bless the Republic of Liberia.

I thank you.