



**National Electoral Commission (NEC)**  
O. A. U Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown,  
Sierra Leone



10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

Mohamed Marrah  
All Peoples Congress  
Kurubonla Town  
Falaba District  
Northern Region  
Sierra Leone.

Dear Sir,

**RE: THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION'S DECISION ON THE APPEALS DATED 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 TO THE DECISION BY THE DISTRICT RETURNING OFFICER OF FALABA DISTRICT DATED 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 MADE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 63 AND 105 OF THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2012).**

**WHEREAS**, the National Electoral Commission (NEC) pursuant to *Sections 60 and 105 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012)*, commenced Nomination process of candidates for the Local Council Chairperson bye-election in Falaba District to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, during the course of the said Nomination of Candidates for the said Local Council bye-election, an **Objection dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October, 2019** was raised and/or filed by **Mr. Mohamed Marrah**, of Mongo Bendugu Town, Falaba District, against the **candidate of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Sesay**, who was Provisionally Nominated as candidate for the Chairperson Local Council bye-election in Falaba District, pursuant to *Sections 63 and 105 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012)*. The Objector alleged that **Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Sesay** was receiving salary from the Consolidated Fund and was also working as a staff in the Local Council in contravention of *Section 6(2) of the Local Government Act, 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004)*.

**WHEREAS**, the District Returning Officer (DRO), Falaba District on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2019 carefully considered the aforementioned Objection, the 'Letter of Resignation of Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Sesay from the Port Loko District Council' and the 'Letter of Acceptance of Resignation from Mr. Raman Tom Farmar, Chief Administrator of the Port Loko District Council' and concluded that the evidence adduced in support of the said Objection was incorrect to reverse the Nomination of the said **Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Sesay**.

**AND WHEREAS**, in exercise of his right to appeal, he same **Mr. Mohamed Marrah**, having been aggrieved with the decision of the District Returning Officer, filed an Appeal to the Commission pursuant to *Sections 63(5) and 105 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012)*.

**NOW THEREFORE**, having critically examined the probative basis upon which the Objection was made at first instance and in consideration of the decision of the District Returning Officer that the evidence on which the said Objection is based, is insufficient to reverse the Provisional Nomination of **Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Sesay**, the Commission on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2019, has decided to uphold the decision of the District Returning Officer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2019, for the same reason that the Objection was rejected at the first instance. The Commission is therefore satisfied that there are no justifiable grounds for overturning the said decision of the District Returning Officer.

In conclusion therefore, **PLEASE NOTE** that this decision is *final and shall not be questioned in any proceedings whatsoever, except by way of an Election Petition* as provided for in *Sections 63(6) and 105 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012)*.

**Signed and dated this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2019.**



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**MOHAMED N'FAH-ALIE CONTEH (OOR)**  
**CHIEF ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN**  
**NATIONAL RETURNING OFFICER**

**C.c:** Commissioner – Northern Region  
The Minister of Local Government  
Ibrahim Sorie Sesay (the SLPP Candidate)  
The District Returning Officer, Falaba District  
The Secretary General, Sierra Leone Peoples' Party  
The Secretary General, All Peoples Congress