



National Electoral Commission (NEC)
OAU Drive, Tower Hill



PRESS RELEASE

GOVERNMENT'S INTERVENTION IN SUBSIDISING NOMINATION FEES
FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MARCH 7TH 2018 ELECTIONS

1. The National Electoral Commission (NEC) on **Thursday, 7th December 2017** declared through press releases the periods for nomination process in the conduct of the **March 7th, 2018 elections**. The nomination fees for the said nomination process stated therein are in accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012 (See below).
2. However, as a result of the intervention of the Chairman of the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) through a letter **dated 5th December, 2017**, to the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, His Excellency, the President has approved that the **"Government will absorb the difference in cost between the" proposed "revised fees outlined in the signed" political parties "resolution and the current fees contained in Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012."**

| No. | Elective Office | Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012 on Nomination Fees (Le) | 2018 Proposed Nomination Fees Signed by Political Parties (Le) | Difference between 2012 and 2018 |
|-----|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Local Council | 1,000,000.00 | 500,000.00 | 500,000.00 |
| 2 | Mayor/District Chairman | 5,000,000.00 | 1,500,000.00 | 3,500,000.00 |
| 3 | Parliamentary (including Paramount Chief MPs) | 10,000,000.00 | 3,000,000.00 | 7,000,000.00 |
| 4 | President | 100,000,000.00 | 30,000,000.00 | 70,000,000.00 |

3. **In this regard, Political Parties/Candidates will now pay the proposed Nomination fees contained in the aforesaid signed resolution.**
4. The Commission continues to assure the general public that the conduct of the 2018 elections will be credible, transparent, free and fair.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2017.

Signed:

Mohamed *Mohamed* *Conteh*
Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman
National Returning Officer

