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Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman National Electoral Commission (NEC) Freetown, Sierra Leone

Dear Commissioner, Conteh,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Acting as a group of signatories under the Right to Access Information Act, LAM-TECH and a group of citizens preparing for elections results monitoring, we would like to first of all thank you for the information you have provided. We also want to say a special thank you for publishing the summary results in machine-readable format on your website.

We would however, want to ask, again in the name of the people of Sierra Leone, for data specific to elections results.

As you know, Section 52 (1) of The Public Elections Act, 2012, states that: "After the expiration of the time fixed for polling, the votes shall be counted, polling station by polling station and each Presiding Officer shall as soon as possible after the votes have been counted, certify, through the regional offices of the Electoral Commission, to the Returning Officer, the result of the counting, stating the number of valid votes cast in favour of each presidential candidate."

We would like to take this opportunity to request the following information:

1. A breakdown of election results by polling station for polling stations and centers where "the votes have already been counted and or were the votes shall be counted for the March 7, 2018 elections in machine-readable format like Excel (xlsx) or comma separate value (csv).

We are also interested in an expedited process and we want to assert the specific section of the Right to Access Information Act that speaks to the accelerated time limit for compliance as documented in Section 4 (2) of the Right to Access Information Act, 2013, viz: "[w]here the information sought concerns the life or liberty of a person, section 2 shall be complied with within forty-eight hours of receipt of the application."

We look forward to your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely Yours

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- (c) Political Parties Regulatory Commissioner
- (d) Office of National Security
- (e) Inspector General of Police
- (f) ECOWAS Observer Team Lead
- (g) UNDP
- (h) EU Observer Team Lead
- (i) OSIWA
- (j) Carter Center
- (k) World Bank