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on the
Political Parties
for the financial year 2015**

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1. Introduction

The Electoral Commission came into being after the enactment of the 6th Amendment of the Constitution of Seychelles in July 2011. The Electoral Commission is constituted under Article 115 of the Constitution. The independence of the Commission is guaranteed under Article 115 (3) which states that the Electoral Commission shall not, in the performance of its functions, be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority.

The functions of the Electoral Commission include the responsibility for the conduct and supervision of the registration of voters and of elections and referenda, review of the number and boundaries of electoral areas of Mahe and Praslin, review of the practices and working, including such matters as finance, broadcasting and advertising, of political campaigns in respect of elections and referenda, review of existing legislation governing electoral matters and making recommendations to the Government.

Under Article 118 of the Constitution, which provides for an act (which is the Political Parties (Registration and Regulations) Act), the Electoral Commission has the mandate to be the Registrar of political parties.

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 31 of the Political Parties (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 1991.

2. Registered Political Parties

As at 31st December, 2015, there were eight registered political parties; namely:-

- (a) Parti Lepep
- (b) Seychelles National Party
- (c) Seychelles United Party
- (d) Seychelles Freedom Party
- (e) Popular Democratic Movement
- (f) Independent Conservative Union of Seychelles
- (g) Lalyans Seselwa
- (h) Seychelles Party for Social Justice & Democracy

3. Submission of Annual Audited Accounts

Two registered political parties, namely Parti Lepep, and Seychelles National Party complied with Section 24 of the Political Parties (Registration and Regulation) Act 1995(as amended) regarding the preparation and submission of audited accounts for the year ending 31st December, 2015.

Seychelles Freedom Party and Popular Democratic Movement did not submit to the Electoral Commission, on or before 30th June 2016, their 2015 audited accounts as required under Section 24 (5) of the Political Parties and Regulations Act 1991 and as amended under Act 26 of 2014. As of the date of this report, their accounts are still awaited. Furthermore, the Electoral Commission has been advised by their respective leaders that both of these political parties are in the process of winding up. Their respective party leaders have been given notice that the audited accounts of 2015 must be submitted and that the procedures for winding up must be in compliance with the legal framework.

Seychelles United Party, Lalyans Seselwa, Independent Conservative Union of Seychelles and Seychelles Party for Social Justice & Democracy have not submitted their 2015 audited accounts on or before 30th June 2016 as required under Section 24 of the Act. As of the date of this report their accounts are still awaited and they have been given notice to provide the statements of accounts and audited accounts in accordance with Section 24 of the Act.

4. Registration of new political parties

Three political parties were registered in 2015, namely; Independent Conservative Union of Seychelles, Lalyans Seselwa and Seychelles Party for Social Justice & Democracy.

5. Political Parties Financial Support Fund

The sum of **R 6.5 million** was appropriated in the 2015 Budget from the Consolidated Fund to the Political Parties Financial Support Fund. The funds were disbursed on a half-yearly basis as follows:

Parti Lepep	R 5,788,250
Popular Democratic Movement	R 711,750
	<u>R 6,500,000</u>

The Statement of Accounts as required under Section 30 of the Political Parties (Registration and Regulation) Act, 1991 (as amended) is attached and a copy of this report is available on the Electoral Commission's website.





H P Gappy
Chairman
Electoral Commission
31st March 2017

**POLITICAL PARTIES SUPPORT FUND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2015.**

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED PER 2015 BUDGET **R 6,500,000.**

DISBURSEMENTS DURING 2015.

PARTI LEPEP	R 5,788,250
POPULAR DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT	R 711,750
	<u>R 6,500,000</u>



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