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Press Statement (For Immediate Release) ECZ CONDUCTS NOMINATIONS IN NINE WARDS

The Electoral Commission of Zambia on Thursday, 11th April, 2024 conducted nominations in Luangwa Ward, Chama District of Eastern Province, Munwa Ward, Chienge District of Luapula Province, Kaunga Ward, Luangwa District of Lusaka Province, Kaela Ward, Lupososhi District of Northern Province, Chikenge Ward, Kabompo District of NorthWestern Province, Malala Ward, Chikankata District of Southern Province, Chisanga and Luumbo Wards, Gwembe District of Southern Province and Ndanda Ward, Limulunga District of Western Province.

The Commission however observed disturbances during nominations in Kaunga Ward of Luangwa District. The Police brought the situation at the nomination centre under control and there was no violence, nor weapons, as purported by some media houses. Aspiring candidates from Leadership Movement, Citizen First, Socialist Party, and United Party for National Development as well as an independent candidate successfully filed their nominations. There were no other aspiring candidates.

The Commission wishes to state that it takes the incident in Luangwa seriously and is warning all Political Parties that should they engage in any violence during the campaign period which starts today, they risk being disqualified. The Commission will ensure compliance with the Electoral Code of Conduct so that every candidate has an opportunity to campaign peacefully without interference.

Additionally, the Commission received reports from the Socialist Party stating their inability to file nominations in some wards. The Commission is currently investigating the reports to establish the facts surrounding the incidents and any issues that arose during the nominations in the respective wards.

The ECZ wishes to emphasize that ensuring the integrity and fairness of the electoral process is paramount to the institution. The Commission wishes to assure the Zambian people that it is committed to provide a level playing field for all political stakeholders.

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