**ISSUES ARISING FROM THE IEC RESPONSES ON THE ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL DELIBERATIONS**

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1. In the IEC submission in point 27 refers to “draft item 3(4)” Would this mean that Clause 4 (31A) on independent candidates would be redrafted to be on par with Clause 11 3(4) of the bill on Political Parties which provides “*that the name of the same party candidate may appear on a list for one region and the national list of a party but may not appear on more than one regional list?*
2. In point 29, the IEC proposes that the number of signatures required for establishment be half the quota in the equivalent elections based on previous election results. Is this only for Independents or for parties too? Is this the number irrespective of the deposit paid? Why is this number so much higher than the 500 signatures required to establish a political parties in terms of the Regulations on Registration of Political Parties (2004 Annex 6)?
3. What is the international best practice on signature requirements?
4. The IEC did not respond to the fact that: Three members were in favour of a 300 to 100 split of regional to compensatory; but only to the one member in favour for the 200 to 200 as it is in the bill and one member wanting further clarity on what the implications of the different scenarios for smaller parties.
5. The IEC did not respond to the proposal that clause 11 (16) should be removed in favour ensuring compliance prior to elections rather than forfeiting seats if parties don’t have enough candidates on their list after an election.