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CDC Final Position on the holding of elections on November 8, 2011

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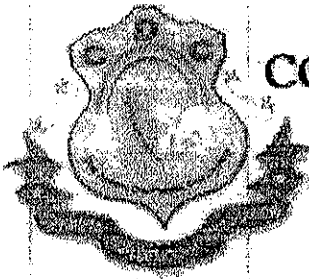
Members of the local and international press

Our fellow Liberian compatriots

I have just returned from Abuja on the invitation of the Nigerian President and Chairman of ECOWAS. I am grateful to him for the seriousness with which he continues to treat the current Liberian electoral situation. I believe we had a frank exchange of views. The contact between us continues.

As we approach November 8, 2011, the bulk of the CDC's complaints of voting irregularities that marred the October 11 ballot remain unaddressed. After the resignation of Mr. James Fromayan, the flawed infrastructure remains intact at the National Elections Commission, NEC. In our last press statement, we said that the removal of Mr. Fromayan, while an important first step in the process toward transparency, does not resolve all the significant issues.

With barely four days to November 8, we officially inform the Liberian people and the world that CDC cannot participate in the November 8 ballot. We call on all CDCians, well-wishers and Liberians to stay away from the polls on November 8. Any government coming out of the November 8 process will be one without a national mandate to govern and will not be recognized by the CDC.



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Page | FT2 We call on all CDCians to make their way to the National Headquarters of the CDC beginning tomorrow, Saturday, November 5. We will hold a "National Vigil for Peace and Transparent Elections". We ask all CDCians to wear white. The National Vigil for Peace and Transparent Elections will remind all of us of the enormous price Liberians have paid in blood and treasure to derive the democracy and peace we enjoy today. It will warn that holding elections when there are outstanding issues and challenges undermines our national peace and endangers our democracy. We will use this forum to call on the President to do the most responsible thing by protecting our peace and democracy. We will remind the President that her attempt to obliterate the opposition by denying it voice weakens our democracy and destabilizes our peace. We will inform the President that she has presided over a divided country and that the divisions we are seeing in these elections are a confirmation of the absence of a national reconciliation vision and program under the Unity Party.

So today, we as CDCians refuse to be a party to actions that undermine our democracy and impose a one party state on Liberians. We refuse to participate in November 8 run-off elections. We will never reward fraud and abuse of power and will never grant legitimacy to a corrupt political process. We call on all peace loving Liberians to stand with their party and country in this critical moment of our history.

May the God Almighty bless the works of our hands and save our party and great country.