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Electoral Commission Clarifies Its Role on Proposed Amendments to Political Parties Act

In light of public interest and ongoing debate surrounding the proposed amendment to Section 29A of the Political Parties (Registration and Regulation) Act, the Electoral Commission of Seychelles wishes to clarify its role and position in the legislative process.

As the constitutional body mandated to oversee electoral matters, the Commission affirms that it routinely engages in consultations and provides recommendations on legislation within its purview. However, it is important to note that such consultations, while encouraged, are not mandatory for legislative entities proposing amendments.

The Constitution and laws of Seychelles empower members of the National Assembly to introduce Private Members' Bills, including those related to the Political Parties Act. This process is a legitimate and lawful aspect of the country's legislative framework. The responsibility for debating and adopting any such amendments lies solely with the National Assembly through a voting process.

While the Electoral Commission plays an advisory and administrative role in electoral governance, it does not possess the authority to halt or block the introduction or passage of legislation. It is the prerogative of the National Assembly to determine the direction and content of legislative reforms.

Furthermore, the Constitution of the Republic of Seychelles provides any aggrieved party with the right to challenge laws or legislative amendments through the Judiciary. It is ultimately the courts, as an independent arm of government, that have the power to uphold or reject laws.

The Commission sees no constitutional breach or infringement of its mandate in the current legislative process. Nevertheless, it remains committed to supporting good governance and continues to advocate for structured dialogue and consultation on any legislative changes that directly affect electoral processes and institutions.

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