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**GRASAG NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AND REJECT
CIRCULATING RESULTS**

The Electoral Commission of the GRASAG National deeply regrets the unfortunate incidents that transpired during the recent elections held on 5th March, 2025 at Ensign Global University. As a Commission, we are committed to upholding democracy, transparency, and fairness, as such we **strongly condemn any acts of violence, intimidation, and interference that marred the electoral process.**

It is unacceptable that some students were subjected to intimidation, and certain institutions were prevented from exercising their right to vote due to the disruptions that ensued. As the Electoral Commission of the GRASAG National, we firmly uphold the principle that no student or institution should be disenfranchised under any circumstances.

Furthermore, we strongly denounce the unwarranted involvement of **National Security Operatives** and the **National Intelligence Bureau (NIB)** in our student elections, as their presence created fear and panic among innocent students. The sanctity of our democratic process must be safeguarded from any form of external interference.

In Pursuant to **Article 23(3)** of the **GRASAG National Constitution**,

“Immediately after the close of the poll, the **Electoral Commissioner** shall, in the presence of such candidates or their representatives and their polling agents as are present, proceed to count at that polling station the ballot papers, record and declare the votes cast in favour of each candidate”.

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Also, according to **Section 3(8)(9)(11) of the Constitutional Instruments of the Electoral Commission**, it states emphatically that:

(8) The presiding officer in the presence of the polling agents shall fill and sign a declaration form stating the total votes count, total votes for each candidate, spoilt ballot and any relevant information to be determined by the Commission.

(9) The polling agent of each candidate shall sign a declaration form determined by the Electoral Commission.

(11) The **Electoral Commissioner** shall declare the winner of each contested position after the announcement of results.

Given the above circumstances, the **Electoral Commissioner, who serves as the Returning Officer, neither officially closed the polls nor supervised the ballot counting or declared any candidate as the winner of any position.**

In light of these irregularities, the Electoral Commission firmly states that any results being circulated are invalid and should be disregarded. The individuals who unlawfully opened ballot boxes, counted and declared some candidates as elected executives acted outside the established electoral process. Therefore, the Commission does not recognize any such claims.

As a result, the Commission will take the necessary steps to uphold a free, fair, and transparent electoral process in due course. We urge all stakeholders to remain calm as we work to restore integrity to our democratic process.

Thank you.

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