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UNREGISTERED 18 YEAR OLDS COULD REGISTER DURING CLAIMS & OBJECTIONS

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is in receipt of reports of rumours that the first cycle of Continuous Registration which commenced on October 17, 2005 and concluded on March 19, 2006 (i) would be extended; (ii) could be extended; and (iii) has been extended.

In this regard, we take this opportunity to dispel such rumours by noting that GECOM has no intention of, nor is it giving consideration to extending the just concluded cycle of Continuous Registration. Any such extension would have negative implications for the Commission to hold the elections in accordance with its election plan. The next cycle of Continuous Registration will commence after the upcoming National and Regional Elections.

The commencement and closing dates for the next cycle will be gazetted and advertised as was done for the first cycle.

In acknowledgment of the concern that many persons who would be 18 years old at the time of the elections, but who did not apply for registration during the just concluded cycle of Continuous Registration, we hereby assure such persons that they will get the opportunity to apply for registration during the mandatory Claims and Objections exercise which would commence shortly.

The commencement and closure of Claims and Objections, as well as the countrywide venues where this activity will be conducted, will be adequately advertised.

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