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“DRAFT REVISED ELECTIONS PLAN” UNOFFICIAL

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) agreed unanimously at its Statutory Meeting of Tuesday March 28, 2006 that all of its Stakeholders must be categorically informed that the “draft revised elections plan” which has very recently been the subject of voluminous comments in the Guyanese mainstream media was and continues to be a **“draft, unofficial, internal discussion paper that was meant for Commissioners’ eyes only”**. This document was distributed to Commissioners to facilitate their respective study of its content in preparation for discussion on it, as an Agenda Item, at the Statutory Meeting of Tuesday March 28, 2006. **It was never meant to be shared with any external stakeholder.**

The distribution of the “draft revised elections plan”, which carries no date or indication of ownership, by an unknown person or persons is most unfortunate. It has certainly not been helpful to the Commission that this “draft revision” has generated much speculation and heated reactions.

GECOM has to complete its assessment of the “draft” in pursuit of its primary objective of holding elections which could be accepted by all concerned as being free, fair and transparent.

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