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PRESS RELEASE

Monrovia, Monday, August 15, 2005: As part of its monitoring effort, the National Committee for Elections Monitoring (NACEM) has deployed more than 50 domestic monitors in all fifteen counties across the country to keep watchful eyes on political parties and other actors as the 2005 campaign kicks off on 15 October 2005.

At a NACEM day long workshop held in Monrovia at the St. Teresa Convent over the weekend, more than 50 campaign monitors were trained in effective monitoring skills and techniques to monitor peaceful and smooth non-violent campaign activities.

Mindful of the critical nature of campaign, NACEM has begun visitation to parties' headquarters in an effort to reinforce NACEM – Political Parties relation and further ascertain their campaign plans in the wake of pre campaign violent incidents and threat in some quarters. In this effort, NACEM is pleased to commend the overwhelming and warm cooperation received from five parties visited so far.

In view of NACEM's regret for political parties' Agents absence during the voters' registration exercise, NACEM urges political parties to strongly consider plans to train Party Agents who will represent them on Election Day at polling centers.

Meanwhile, NACEM calls on political parties and other political actors in these elections to meticulously observe the electoral guidelines and the political parties' code of conduct to ensure a peaceful and orderly campaign. NACEM also cautions parties' supporters and the Liberian public to demonstrate deep sense of patriotism, nationalism and responsible citizenship during these campaigns.

In addition, NACEM strongly recognizes the positive role of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and the Liberia National Police Force (LNP) has played in maintaining peace and security. As we enter into the campaign stage of these elections, NACEM urges the UNMIL and the LNP to remain vigilant and alert during these crucial stage of the electoral process.

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