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FACT SHEET 9: **Questions and Answers on Voting Day Procedures**

Where will I vote?

You should return to the place where you registered to vote unless you have transferred your vote.

When can I vote?

On Tuesday, 14 May 2002, from 7 o'clock in the morning till 5 o'clock in the evening.

Why will I be given two ballot papers?

One ballot paper is for electing your President. This ballot paper will have all the candidates' photographs, their names and their political party symbol on it.

The other ballot paper, for the parliamentary election, will have only the political party name and symbol on it.

I have lost my voter ID card. Can I still vote?

Yes, take some other form of identification with you, and if your name is on the register at your polling station, you will be allowed to vote if the Presiding Officer is satisfied with your proof of identity.

I still have ink on my left thumb. Will I be allowed to vote?

Yes, ink will be applied to your right thumb on voting day. As long as you do not have ink on the right thumb, you will be allowed to vote.

My wife will be working in the fields on Election Day. Can I vote for her?

No! Every registered person who wishes to vote must do so in person.

Can I sit in the polling station and watch what is going on?

No, the only people allowed in the station are the NEC staff, domestic and

international accredited observers, accredited media, and accredited political party agents.

When I am voting, can I stay behind and watch?

No, you must leave the polling station as soon as you have finished voting.

How do I mark the ballot?

You must make only one mark on each ballot paper. You can mark the paper with a tick or a cross using the pens provided, or you can mark the paper with a thumbprint, using the inkpad provided. You must be sure to make your mark inside the box and not cross any lines. If you have used the inkpad, be careful and give the ink time to dry before you fold your ballot.