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MEDIA RELEASE

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EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO FILL THREE VACANCIES AT THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

1. At the instance of the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Justice M M L Maya, acting in her capacity as the Chairperson of the Panel established in terms of section 6 of the Electoral Commission Act, 1996 comprising herself, the Chairperson of the South African Human Right Commission, the Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality and the Public Protector, a notice was published in the Government Gazette of 15 April 2025 and also in the Sunday Times on 13 April 2025 calling for nomination of candidates to fill three vacancies at the Electoral Commission. A copy of the notice is enclosed herein for ease of reference.
2. In response to a request by certain organisations the Chief Justice has decided to extend the deadline for nominations from 16 May 2025 to 06 June 2025. This will allow interested persons who may not have been aware of the advertisement to submit their nominations by no later than the abovementioned date.
3. The Office of the Chief Justice wishes to emphasize that: The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 read with the Electoral Commission Act, 1996 provides that members of the Commission must be men and women who:
 - are South African citizens;
 - are fit and proper persons to hold that office; and
 - do not at that stage have a high party-political profile.



4. Additionally, members of the Commission are appointed by the President for a term of seven years. Nominees must indicate their availability to serve full-time or part time.
5. Each candidate's nomination(s), accompanied by: a motivation of suitability, if any, a candidate's written consent, copy of RSA identity document and comprehensive curriculum vitae, must be submitted on or before **06 June 2025** to: The Office of the Chief Justice, Private Bag X10, Marshalltown, 2107 or hand delivered at 188, 14th Road, Noordwyk, Midrand, **for attention: Ms M Songca. Nominees are encouraged to submit their nominations via email to MSongca@judiciary.org.za /DiRamaisa@judiciary.org.za and TPhaahlamohlaka@judiciary.org.za.**

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