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The Chairperson, Independent Electoral Commission
Election House
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Via fax (012) 6225784

For Attention : Adv. Pansy Tlakula

Dear Chairperson,

RE: the fairness of elections in South Africa

Previous correspondence refers.

A week has gone by since the date on which you told us you would be discussing the issues we have raised with you. Although the Press has carried interesting stories of your meeting on 20 March concerning the automation of polling in SA, we have not picked up any word concerning the fairness of elections in SA in the media coverage of the meeting.

We accordingly write to enquire as to the steps the IEC intends to take to "ensure....fair elections" in the discharge of the constitutional mandate given to it, in the light of the fact that only one political party in SA regards itself to be at liberty to contract with parastatals and reap huge dividends from this questionable form of activity to the detriment of the fairness of elections.

As the next elections are just over the horizon next year, there is an element of urgency to devising strategies for the IEC to do its duty properly.

We are looking forward to an accountably responsive reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hoffman', is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

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