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## Foreword by the Chief Electoral Officer

2019 presents yet another challenge to the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission (SIEC) to deliver a free, fair and credible election. The voter registration exercises to be embarked upon by the Commission will be used to update the current voter register and produce accurate final Voter Lists for the upcoming elections.

In this exercise, biometric technology will again be employed to reduce the incidence of multiple registrations that have occurred with the old manual register. Using biometric technology, the Commission intends to continue producing credible register of voters for the 2019 National General elections as well as all subsequent elections.

In an effort to ensure greater transparency and credibility of the voter registration process, the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission welcomes all accredited observers and media representatives during the 2018 voter registration update process.

The intention of this guide is to provide useful information to observers and media representatives on voter registration procedures that will be implemented in all Voter Registration Centres, as well as to provide you with useful and helpful information that you might find useful in performing your role.

The SIEC is pleased that you will be participating in this very important national exercise and is also grateful that you have chosen to sacrifice your time to serve the nation in support of the voter registration.

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