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LIBERIA 2005 ELECTIONS

Voters throughout Liberia will go to the polls on October 11, 2005, to elect a President and Vice President, 30 Senators and 64 Representatives. These elections will close a two-year transition period that began in October 2003 with the inauguration of the National Transitional Government of Liberia (NTGL). The transition process is governed by the provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), negotiated and signed by representatives of Liberia's warring factions, political parties and civil society in Accra, Ghana, in August 2003. This Election Watch is the first in a series of reports compiled jointly by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and The Carter Center on Liberia's electoral process.

The NEC will publish the final list of candidates on August 15, and the campaign period will officially begin on the same day.

Changes to Liberia's Electoral Framework

The CPA precludes certain senior members of the NTGL from running for office, including Chairm