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## STATEMENT BY THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

**Georgetown, Guyana** – The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC), having deployed approximately 200 Observers across the country, reported, based on preliminary observation reports, that the General and Regional Elections 2025 were conducted professionally and transparently by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM). The ERC notes that the electoral process was free, fair, and carried out in an atmosphere devoid of fear or intimidation.

ERC Observers reported that polling stations were generally well organised, with procedures being followed, and that GECOM staff displayed professionalism and courtesy in the execution of their duties.

The ERC emphasises the importance of the ballot counting and verification of Statements of Poll (SOPs) being conducted with the same level of transparency and professionalism, and the official results to be made public within the shortest possible time.

The Commission commends the people of Guyana for their peaceful participation in the process and for their collective contribution towards ensuring credible elections.

In anticipation of the results from GECOM, the ERC calls on all Leaders of Political Parties, to appeal to their supporters to remain calm, respect and avoid actions that would build tensions in our society.

Let harmony and good relations prevail.

***Ethnic Relations Commission***