## UNITED NATIONAL CONGRESS

Elections Management Committee
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## NOTICE

## AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTION RULES (PLACEMENT OF ELECTORAL INK)

The Elections Management Committee has noted the very close proximity of the upcoming National Executive Elections on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 with the Local Government Bye-Elections for the Districts of Lengua/Indian Walk and Quinam/Morne Diablo on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The use of electoral ink on a voter's right index finger will lead to difficulties for members who also wish to vote in those Local Government Bye-Elections. The Committee has noted the guidance received from the Elections and Boundaries Commission in that regard.

For the proper management of the internal election process, and so as not to interfere with voting in the Local Government Bye-Elections, the Committee has consequently amended **Rule 16** (f)(x) of the Election Rules dated  $12^{th}$  May, 2024 by:

- (a) deleting the words "applied to his right index finger" and replacing with the words "stamped on the back of his left hand"; and
- (b) deleting the words "applied to his right finger" and replacing with the words "stamped on the back of his left hand"

## Election Rule 16(f)(x) shall now read:

"(x) Before the voter places his ballot paper in the ballot box, he is required to have electoral ink stamped on the back of his left hand. The voter then places the ballot paper in the ballot box. No voter shall be allowed to place a ballot paper in the ballot box without first having electoral ink stamped on the back of his left hand."

The Election Rules dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 are to be read subject to this amendment and together with the Erratum dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2024.

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