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2019 NPE Elections - THE DAY AFTER

1. South Africans - black, white, urban, rural, men, women, young and old - yesterday came out in their numbers, an affirmation that after 25 years, our democracy is maturing and robust. The ANC thanks the people who in the face of bad weather and logistical hiccups, stayed the course and cast their vote.
2. The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), as one of our critical Chapter 9 institutions, on the whole performed well, despite a larger electorate and numbers of voting stations. Problems include heavy rains and wind, to stations running out of ballot papers, a handful of allegations and possible double voting.
3. Thus, like in any democratic election, there were hiccups, but the ANC is convinced that the IECs systems are sufficiently robust to address whatever challenges there were. The Party Liaison Commission and the IEC are looking at the substantive allegations and evidence, and are investigating and will prosecute where there was wrong doing.
4. Above all, the IEC is releasing results, testimony that in the overwhelming majority of the 22945 voting stations, IEC officials and party agents have signed off on the results and these have been vetted.
5. Across the system, thousands of IEC workers and managers, party agents and volunteers from all political parties, the media, civil society, our security forces and international observers have worked hard to advance and safeguard our democracy. We say thank you.

6. Whilst the results are not all out, the ANC is humbled by the continued confidence the people has expressed in their movement. We don't take this support for granted. As we continue to watch the results, we call on all parties – including our own members and leaders - to leave the announcements of the final results to the IEC.
7. Once again, thank you to all South Africans. We have shown that 25 years later, our democracy is alive, robust and well.

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