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Governor
Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan

T/Plm

Dear All,

Please find attached copy of public advisory dt. 4 March 2017 from the Election Commission of Bhutan (copy attached) informing the general public of the **Third Parliamentary Elections 2018**, and that during the Election Period religious and/or other events involving the general public are to be avoided to ensure smooth, free and fair elections.

Pursuant to the advisory, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to advise all agencies to kindly refrain from organizing international events/meetings and if unavoidable to exclude field visits, during the period **February to May 2018** and **August to October 2018**.

Sincerely,

Sonam Tshong
(Sonam Tshong)

Royal Monetary Authority.....
Date of Receipt..... 8/3/2017
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Division.....

CC:

1. Chief Election Commissioner, ECB for kind information

Offg. Director, AFD

Pl. inform all the Directors and employees to adhere to the request of ECB and also host/upload the same in the RMA website.

[Signature] 08/03/2017

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For n.a. *[Signature]*

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The Election Commission of Bhutan would like to inform the general public that in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan and the Electoral Laws, the **Third Parliamentary Elections 2018**, including elections to the National Council and the National Assembly, are due to be conducted in 2018.

During the Election Period religious and/or other events involving the general public are to be avoided to ensure smooth, free and fair elections. In this regard, all Government Agencies, Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, Private Offices, Religious Organizations and the general public are being advised well ahead of time so that any such programmes and activities involving public gathering can be planned, **avoiding** the time periods of **February to May 2018 and August to October 2018**.

The Election Commission would also like to draw the above to the attention of the registered Political Parties as well as aspiring Candidates so that they can initiate preparatory activities as required under the Laws.

Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan