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The Chairman of the Political Parties Registration Commission Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson on Saturday 13th July 2013 met with a cross section of Executive members of the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) at the Commissions Headquarters in Freetown.

The meeting which lasted for the whole day discussed dissatisfaction over the conduct of some of the party's district and constituency mini-conventions.

After listening to speaker after speaker, the Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson adjourned the meeting for Monday 15th July 2013 as more members were yet to give their side of the issue.

Meanwhile, Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson on Thursday 11th July 2013 met with a cross section of members of civil society organizations in Freetown at the Commissions Headquarters in Freetown.

Addressing the meeting, Hon Justice Tolla Thompson says the meeting is part of the Commissions effort to collaborate with Civil Society Organizations before, during and after Elections. He appealed to member's present to always come to the commission for information with regards the mandate and activities of the Commission. The chairman also suggested that for the development of our democracy and the relationship between the Commission and Civil Society Organization, it will be prudent for the commission to be meeting regularly with them.

During the meeting, the following issues were discussed:

- Robust Political Education
- Strengthening of the legal framework of the PPRC
- The 1991 Constitutional Review
- Engagement of Political Parties
- Structuring of the Internal Democracy of Political Parties
- Possibilities for Presidential Debate – to be made law
- PPRC, CSO & Political Parties to be meeting regularly.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Campaign for Good Governance, CARL-SL, Women's Forum, Network Movement for Democracy and Human right, National Youth Coalition, and Democracy Sierra Leone and Forum of Conscience.

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