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The Chairman of the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson on Tuesday informed the press that plans are on the way to engage Political Parties on the Constitutional Review Process.

Speaking on the monitoring of Political Parties, he says Political Parties are now required to submit a quarterly report to the commission. The Commission in turn he says will publish these reports so that party members and the electorates will know what their parties are doing.

On mediation, the Chairman informed the press that the Commission has held series of mediation between members of the United National People’s Party (UNPP), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), National Democratic Alliance and the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP).

Speaking on compliance, the Registrar Abraham John says so far the All Peoples Congress is the only party that has complied and that the Sierra Leone Peoples Party has asked for a month’s extension. He says the end of April 2013 has been slated as the deadline for the submission of these audited reports. He says the Commission will use available means with its powers to enforce compliance.

In his statement, Commissioner Alhaji Muctarr B. Williams says the Commission is prepared to continue with the Political Education drive. This he says will reduce the risk of violence and intolerance in future elections. With Political Education, Commissioner Williams says Political Parties will be aware of their roles and responsibilities.