The Chairman of the Political Parties Registration Commission Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson has informed Political Parties that the Commission is not to deregister Political Parties but to build on their capacities. Political Parties he says should be seen active even when it’s not elections period. He made this statement during a meeting with representatives of Political Parties in Sierra Leone.

Hon Justice Thompson says Political Parties should ensure that their constitutions are in conformity with the 1991 Elections of Sierra Leone. Political Parties he says are established to participate in shaping the political will of the people, to disseminate information on political ideas, and social and economic programmes of a national character, and to sponsor candidates for Presidential, Parliamentary or Local Government elections.

The internal organisation of Political Parties he says shall conform to democratic principles, and its aims, objectives, purposes and programmes shall not contravene, or be inconsistent with, any provisions of the 1991 Constitution.

After this meeting he says, the Commission will draw up a timetable to look at the Political Parties Constitutions.

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