ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY

LINKAGE BETWEEN ELITES AND THE ELECTORATE IS CRUCIAL FOR A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY. CONDITIONS WHICH ENSURE A GENUINELY DEMOCRATIC POLITICS:

1. VOTERS MUST BE CONCERNED WITH ISSUES AND INTERESTED IN INFLUENCING POLICIES

2. MUST BE GIVEN CLEAR ALTERNATIVES FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE.

3. MAJORITY PREFERENCES MUST BE ASCERTAINABLE FROM ELECTION RESULTS.

4. ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST FEEL BOUND ENOUGH BY PUBLIC PREFERENCES TO CARRY OUT THE POLICIES THEY HAVE PROMISED