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Notes

1. Prior to the present democratic era, Nigeria (in its post-independence period) had the following EMBs: the Electoral Commission of the Federation (1964–1966), the Federal Electoral Commission (1976–1983), the National Electoral Commission (1987–1993), and the National Electoral Commission of Nigeria (1994–1998). These institutions were confounded by credibility issues owing to the influence of the Executive branch on their activities. This generated a general lack of trust in them by the people and one of the major reasons for electoral controversies in the previous democratic dispensations in Nigeria. For details, see Jinadu ([2013](#)).

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