Decision of Independent Election Commission

Decision No: 30-1393

Subject: Criteria for 100% audit of all run-off election polling station ballots

Implementing Authority: IEC Secretariat

Date & Venue of Meeting: July 15, 2014, IEC HQ

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Under Article 13 of the Structural Law of the IEC and IECC and the technical framework agreed on among the run-off election candidates and the United Nation, the IEC decided that:

100% audit of all run-off election polling station ballots must be carried out based on the following check list composed of 11 criteria approved by the IEC and 5 criteria proposed by the United Nation:

1) 11 criteria approved by the IEC:

1. Is the ballot box of the same type as distributed by the Commission for the present election? Yes / No
2. Is the ballot box intact? Yes / No if no, please explain.
3. Is there a sticker on the ballot box indicating code of the polling center and station? Yes / No
4. How many seals does the ballot box lid have and how many of them are intact? It has ( ) seals and ( ) out of them are intact.
5. Can the seals of the ballot box be opened with the force of hand? Yes / No
6. Are the serial numbers of the seals similar as given on the seal Serial Number Recording Form inside the ballot box? Yes / No
7. Is the result form copy inside the ballot box? Yes / No
8. Are there any unused, spoiled and invalid ballot papers inside the box? Yes / No if yes, how many ballot papers? A total of ( ) unused
ballot papers – a total of (   ) spoiled ballot papers – a total of (   ) invalid ballot papers.

9. Are there any marked ballot papers inside the ballot box which are not detached from the stub? Yes / No if yes, how many ballot papers and for which candidate have they been marked? A. a total of (   ) ballots papers have been marked for (                   ) B. a total of (   ) ballot papers have been marked for (                   ).

10. Is there a validation stamp on the back of a ballot paper of a candidate? Yes / No if no, how many ballot papers lack the stamp and for which candidate have they been used? A. a total of (   ) ballot papers have been used for (                   ) B. a total of (   ) ballot papers have been used for (                   ).

11. Have the ballot papers been marked according to the procedures? Yes / No if no, how many ballot papers and for which candidate? A. a total of (   ) ballot papers for (                   ) B. a total of (   ) for (                   ).

2) **5 criteria proposed by the United Nation:**

1. Is similar marking or mode of similar marking seen on the ballot papers? If yes, how many?

2. Is there evidence of tampering with the result sheet and coherence with the number of ballots in the box? If yes, please explain.

3. Does the result sheet copy match that processed in the National Tally Center? Yes / No

4. What is the relevant information in the polling station journal and in the list of voters?

5. Do the ballot boxes contain results which require special scrutiny according to best international practices (e.g. when there is major difference between the total votes of the first and run-off elections)? If yes, in this case, these ballot boxes must especially be addressed by both national and international observers and agents of candidates.

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