



## **ACCESS TO IEC MEDIA CENTER**

The IEC Media Center hosts all announcements related to the 18 September 2010 election process, including announcements addressing polling and counting, the tally process, and results. Due to space and security restrictions, access is limited to direct stakeholders. This document lays out the access policy for the IEC Media Center.

### **Media**

National and international media already accredited by the IEC may access the Media Center during operating hours using their IEC accreditation card in conjunction with their organization's identity card.

### **Observers/Political Parties/Candidates/Agents**

Special passes are required for observers, political party and candidate agents.

- *Observers.* Accredited observer organizations receive three passes each. Passes must be presented in conjunction with the IEC-issued accreditation badge.
- *Candidates/Political Parties/Agents.* Each political party is entitled to up to three passes which may be used by any party member or accredited agent. Passes must be presented in conjunction with a party-issued ID (for political party members) or the IEC-issued accreditation badge (for agents). Due to the large number of independent candidates, The IEC is unable to accommodate entry for candidates or candidate agents.

Passes are distributed at relevant coordination meetings. Entities wishing to collect passes prior to these meetings may contact the External Relations Department of the IEC.

### **Special Visitors**

Access by stakeholders not accredited by the IEC, including ministries, embassies, civil society organizations or other stakeholders, is determined on a case-by-case basis according to capacity and security restrictions. Like observers and agents, approved entities are issued a specific number of passes which may be used by any member of the organization. Passes must be used in conjunction with organizational identity cards.

Requests for passes must be made in writing to the External Relations Department of the IEC using the contact information below. Include the organization and the desired number of passes (not more than three). Kindly allow up to 72 hours for issuance of the passes.

### **Facilities**

- The Media Center has limited internet facilities on-site.
- Parking inside the IEC Compound is only permitted for satellite trucks and special guests. Additional parking is available outside the IEC compound.
- Interpretation and/or simultaneous translation into Dari and English are provided by the IEC Media Center.
- Visitors to the IEC Media Center are not permitted to access other parts of the IEC Compound.
- Dining facilities are not available on site.

### **Security Policy**

All visitors to the media center must carry a valid pass, as described above, and ensure it is visible at all times. Visitors who do not have a pass and do not fall into one of the categories described above must contact the IEC External Relations Department to inquire about access to the IEC Media Center.

All visitors must submit to a search before being allowed to enter the Media Center. All vehicles entering the compound are subject to a minimum of under-vehicle and canine search. Note that weapons are strictly prohibited inside Media Center, with no exceptions.

### **Location and Hours**

Address            The IEC Media Center is located at the IEC Compound in Kabul

Hours                Regular: 9am – 4pm, Saturday – Thursday;

                          Polling/Counting/Results: 9am – 6pm, Saturday - Thursday

### **Contacts for further information or to request access card:**

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