

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Independent Election Commission

Code of Conduct for Political Parties and Coalitions

Legal Basis:

This code of conduct has been codified under Articles 55 and 79 of the Electoral Law to manage participation and activities of political parties and coalition of parties in various electoral processes. Criteria and principles specified in this code of conduct shall regulate activities of political parties in all electoral processes.

Rights:

Political parties and their representatives as agents shall have the following rights:

1. Political parties and coalitions shall have the right to be accredited by the Independent Election Commission as agents and their agents shall attend polling and counting centers and stations.
2. Agents of political parties and coalitions are obliged to strictly avoid rumors and creation of tensions.
3. Agents of political parties and coalitions shall observe the principle of reality while filing a complaint.
4. Agents of political parties and coalitions shall have the right to access information related to election in accordance with procedure of the Commission and file a complaint with the relevant authority if a violation happens.

Obligations of Political Parties and Coalitions:

Political parties and coalitions of parties that have signed this code of conduct are obliged to observe the Constitution, Electoral Law, Political Parties Law, Mass Media Law, other enforced laws in the country, regulations, procedures, guidelines and this code of conduct and other decision approved by the Commission.

Given the issue, I _____ on behalf of _____ promise to:

1. Respect the rights and freedoms of all political parties that take part in election.
2. Conduct our electoral campaign while respecting the rights of other parties, coalitions, candidates, voters, reporters and observers.
3. Respect properties of people and avoid posting, writing and drawing advertising materials on private properties or refrain from using such properties for campaign purposes without the permission of their owners.
4. Refrain from blocking roads and disturbing the public during electoral campaigns.
5. Respect freedom of media
6. Avoid removing and destroying advertising materials of other candidates or parties and respect the natural and legal rights of others.
7. Cooperate with the Independent Election Commission, the Independent Electoral Complaint Commission and related commissions to hold a transparent, free, general and fair election.

8. Cooperate with this commission, related commissions and the Independent Electoral Complaint Commission If requested and when necessary on official investigations of complaints or allegations of violation of the Electoral Law, regulations, guidelines, this code of conduct and the IEC notifications.
9. Cooperate with electoral staff, accredited reporters, journalists and observers.
10. Avoid exerting pressure on voters.
11. Not to interfere in the affairs of electoral staff and not to disrupt electoral processes
12. Avoid filing inaccurate and unimportant complaints
13. Make efforts to be aware of all electoral laws and regulations, code of conducts and procedures.
14. Prevent our party or coalition supporters from doing actions that would be against the laws, electoral regulations and procedures and this code of conduct.
15. Avoid disturbing reporters and journalists and disrupting electoral programs of other parties, coalitions and independent candidates.
16. Refrain from carrying out actions in our campaign that may cause social incitements including tribal, racial, religious, linguistic, gender etc.
17. Not to prevent from distributing, publishing and disseminating advertising papers of other parties, coalitions and independent candidates.
18. Refrain from interfering in gatherings of other political parties, coalitions, and independent candidates
19. Not to hamper people participation in gatherings and rallies of other parties and candidates.
20. Avoid any kind of irreverence and insult to ourselves and other political parties, coalitions and independent candidates.
21. Not to allow supporters of our party or coalition to violate this code of conduct.
22. Abstain from publishing and disseminating issues in campaign materials, speeches, and messages that provoke and irritate public opinions.
23. Avoid expressing scandalous and provocative point of views that may incite public opinions
24. Refrain from using signs and arms which are similar to arms of government and non-government organizations, to the signs of the IEC and other political parties and coalitions.
25. Avoid carrying any injuring weapons and firearms and avoid violation in all electoral phases.
26. Avoid exerting any illegal influence over voters to change their right of choice
27. Avoid having influence on electoral staff.
28. Avoid accepting cash or in kind contribution from foreign or illegal internal sources
29. Accept results of elections certified after adjudicating all complaints.

Name: Political party/coalition:

Position within the political party/coalition: Venue:

Signature: Date:...../...../.....