

## Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Independent Election Commission

### Regulation on Participation of Agents and Observers of National and International Organizations in Open Meetings of IEC

#### **Legal Basis:**

This regulation has been approved by the Independent Election Commission (henceforward, the Commission) under Article (79) of the Electoral Law.

#### **Objective:**

Considering Article 12 [3] of IEC and IECC Structural Law, this regulation regulates the affairs related to participation of agents and national and international observers in open meetings of the Commission.

#### **Participation Mechanism:**

##### **Article 1:**

1. In cases of reviewing documents and authorities of candidates, investigating plausible complaints based on fraud in ballot boxes, vote counting and certification and announcement of election results, the Commission asks agents and national and international observers accredited by the Commission to attend its open meetings.
2. The participants shall be informed at least 24 hours ahead of the meetings with reference to the time and venue of the open meetings conducted by the Commission.
3. Taking note of observance of their job obligations, agents and national and international observers can participate in open meetings of the Commission.
4. For the purpose of participation in open meetings of the Commission, the national and international monitor and observer organizations shall introduce their agents and observers to the Commission by mentioning their names, pen names, accreditation cards' serial numbers and mobile numbers.
5. The agents and observers attending open meetings of the Commission shall have, their ID cards containing photos, visible.
6. When a large number of agents and observers attend open meetings of the Commission, for the purpose of discipline and their comfort, the Commission prepares a timetable.
7. In open meetings, agents and observers' sitting area shall be determined and organized in advance.
8. During a meeting, agents and observers shall avoid expressing their verbal and nonverbal (written) views to members of the Commission.

9. The agents and observers allowed to participate in open meetings of the Commission, for obtaining further information, cannot demand for conducting other separate sub-meetings.

### **Obligations of Agent and Observer**

#### **Article 2:**

National and international Agents and observers being introduced by their relevant organizations for participation in open meetings of the Commission shall:

1. Observe the relevant Laws, regulations, procedures and codes of conduct,
2. Observe the enacted security rules and regulations inside the Commission compound, and
3. Act according to the assigned security personnel instructions while parking their cars inside the Commission compound.

### **Violation**

#### **Article 3:**

In case of violation of provisions of this regulation by agent or observer, the violator shall be deprived of the right of participation in the Commission's meeting.

### **Entry into Force**

#### **Article 4:**

This regulation shall take effect from approval date and be published.