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The IRI and the ECC urge campaign managers: Submit your complaints about the elections to the ECC

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On July 15, 2009 the Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) and International Republican Institute held a briefing on the complaints process for presidential campaign managers at the Serena Hotel. A total of roughly 50 members of 19 campaign teams attended the 2 ½ hour orientation on the complaints process.

The campaign teams were provided detailed information about the ECC, its mandate and the complaints process. The participants were provided complaints forms and instructed on how to complete them. The ECC stressed the need for complainants to give the ECC all the necessary information. IRI and the ECC encouraged the campaign teams to make use of the complaints mechanism and urged the participants to focus on detail and fact, as opposed to rumors or hearsay, when filing complaints about electoral offences.

The campaign managers were given the opportunity to ask questions and express their concerns regarding the electoral process.

The Electoral Complaints Commission

The Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) of Afghanistan is an independent body established under Article 52 of the Electoral Law to adjudicate all complaints concerning the electoral process. Article 52 states that The ECC shall have the jurisdiction to consider and adjudicate the following:

- a) Complaints relating to electoral offences, including violations of the law in the conduct of the electoral process, provided that the complaint has been received prior to the certification of the results of the election; and
- b) Challenges to the list of candidates or to the eligibility or qualifications of a candidate raised during the electoral process.

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