



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Independent Election Commission

Political Parties and Candidates' Code of Conduct

Part One:

Common Rules, Boundaries and Purpose:

This code of conduct was submitted on article (56) of electoral law in order to manage the participation of political parties and candidates during the process of various elections.

In this code of conduct, designated ethical and lawful standards regulate the activities of political parties and candidates during voter registration, candidate registration, electoral campaigns, polling day and vote counting.

Political parties, candidates and their representatives are to respect determined regulations in the code of conduct; violating code of conduct will result deprivation or serious contrivances made by IEC or Electoral Complaint Commission.

Political parties and candidates are responsible for any kind of violating determined rules in the code of conduct by them and their followers.

Part Two:

Rights and Duties of Political Parties and Candidates

All leaders, members of political parties and independent candidates:

1. Have basic rights of speech freedom, political rallies and activities for participation in various elections.
2. Their electoral activities must not rest on discrimination of ethnos, tribe, class, language, region, gender and religion--.
3. Ensure equal access and participation of women in political activities and voting.
4. Respect rights and freedoms of other political parties, independent candidates and the public to participate without any fear of intimidations and barriers in various elections.
5. Respect vote secrecy and take proper action regarding its significance and awareness to their supporters and representatives, do not try to learn voters' tendency by using force.
6. Focus on prohibition and violence condemnation, intimidations and use of force in their guidance and instructions.
7. Must not have illegal armed force or its membership.
8. Must not use or support force, violations, intimidations and any parts of them. In case of facing these kinds of situations, they are supposed to denunciate them.
9. Respect the Holy Principals of Islam, regulations of the constitution and any other valid rules of Afghanistan.

10. Avoid using words that causes to spread repulsion and race, tribe, region, language, class, gender and religion's tensions or discriminations.
11. Thoroughly cooperate with IEC, IEC secretariat, ECC (Electoral Complaints Commission), or any other associated authorities in electoral process.
12. Must take required actions to ensure that their members and supporters know about electoral law, code of conduct, regulation on electoral violations, directions, information, or any other instructions and notifications of IEC, electoral complaint commission and election secretariat commission and follow them.
13. Hand entire information or complaints over relevant to intimidation, fright and lawless behavior to electoral complaint commission or IEC through election officials or office.
14. Cooperate with IEC secretariat or electoral complaints commission concerning claims and violation complaints of code of conduct, electoral instructions' violation, electoral law, regulations, guidance, or any other regulations and notifications of IEC.
15. Avoid abusing complaint rights or providing unrealistically unfounded complaint.
16. Keep away from receiving any material support of money and supplies from any illegally interior and exterior sources.
17. Respect private property and get the consent of its owner before writing, drawing or installing any campaign material on it during electoral campaign.
18. Abstain removing and destroying campaign materials of other candidates. Moreover, respect their rights of speech and opinion freedom.
19. Accept official and legal poll declaration.

I have read and understood the aforementioned code of conduct's contents and will dutifully observe them.

Signed in _____ on _____, 2009 by

_____ representing _____.

Name: _____

Signature: _____