Independent Electoral Commission of Afghanistan (IEC)
Code of Conduct of Observers

Part One: General Restrictions and Purpose

This Code of Conduct is issued under the authority of Article 56 of the Electoral Law, and is to manage the participation of observer organizations and their representatives, during various election processes. The legal and ethical criteria in this code of conduct apply to activities of observer organizations and their representatives during the voter registration process, candidate registration, the electoral campaign, polling day and vote counting.

Observer organizations and their representatives must obey this code of conduct. Violation of it will lead to removing accreditation or serious discipline from IEC or the Electoral Complaints Commission.

Observer organizations are responsible for any violation by them or their representatives.

Part Two: Rights and Responsibilities of Observer Organizations and their Representatives

1. Observers must obey the Electoral Law, this Code of Conduct of IEC or any other instructions issued by IEC.
2. There must be no interruption of the election process or creation of disorder.
3. The ID card issued by IEC must be worn in a visible place while attending any election process.
4. Observers must respect any limitations of time and place imposed by IEC officials to deal with crowding by observers during an election process.
5. Observers’ clothing must not have any sign or mark, in favor of any political party or candidate nor shall they act or speak in favor of any political party or candidate.
6. Observers must respect the secrecy of ballot and not try to find out the opinion of voters or inform the organizations they represent about it.
7. Observers must abstain from the use of language phrases that can cause hatred, or discrimination on the basis of race, tribe, region, language, class, or religious tension during the election process.
8. Observers must cooperate with IEC, the Electoral Complaints Commission or any other stakeholders involved in the election processes.
9. All necessary measures must be taken to ensure that the representatives are familiar with and follow the Electoral Law, this Code of Conduct, instructions regarding electoral violations, and any directions, information, guidance, or other instructions and notifications of IEC, the Electoral Complaints Commission or the Secretariat of IEC.
10. Any information or complaints about intimidation or violation of the law, can be reported by observers to the organizations the observers represent.

11. Observers must respect the official and valid result of the election.

I have read, understand and will abide the above Code of Conduct.

Signed in ___________ on _________, 2008 by ___________________              ____________________

Name                                          Signature