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Central Election Commission

Pursuant to the Article 12.3, 64.2 (a) and (b) of the Law nr. 03/L-073 on General Elections in the Republic of Kosovo. Article 13 and 20 of the Law nr. 03/L-072 on Local Elections in the Republic of Kosovo for the purpose of regulating the registration and operation of political parties, issues

RULE No 01/2008

ON REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

Section 1
Definitions

1.1 For the purpose of this Rule:

- (a) "Assembly" means a general meeting of all of the members of a political party or of democratically elected delegates of all of the members;
- (b) "Assets" means all real or movable property owned directly or indirectly, including cash on hand and bank deposits, as well as any proceeds derived there from by way of sale, disposition or other agreements, the value of businesses owned, and any item owned having a value greater than five hundred euro (€500) and with an expected economic life exceeding three (3) years;
- (c) "CEC" mean the Central Election Commission, an independent body of experts responsible for the administration of elections.
- (d) "Contact person" means the person who is duly authorized to communicate on behalf of a Political Party with the Office;
- (e) "Contribution" means a gift, subvention, donation, or request of any kind to a Political Entity, whether in cash or in-kind, and includes the payment of Entities' debts and the provision, otherwise than on commercial terms, of any property, loan made out of the ordinary course of business, services or facilities for the use or benefit of the Entity. Services provided to a Political Entity by individuals voluntarily, on their own time and free of charge shall not be considered to be Contributions. The contribution is made at the moment when the political entity benefits from the contribution;
- (f) "Financial Representative" means the person who is personally responsible for communicating with the Office regarding the reports for finance disclosure of the Political Entity.
- (g) "Liabilities" means all monetary sums that a Political Entity is obliged to pay to other persons.
- (h) "Office" means the Office of Political Party Registration and Certification within the CEC acting as specified in the applicable legislation.

- (i) "Payment" means a transfer of valuable consideration, including payment in kind. A payment is made at the time the benefit of the payment is received;
- (j) "Political Entity" means a Political Party, Coalition, Citizens' Initiative or independent candidate;
- (k) "Political Party" means an organization of individuals who voluntarily associate on the basis of common ideas, interests or views, for the purpose of obtaining influence and having their representatives elected to public office.
- (l) "Rule" means an approved act by the Central Election Commission in accordance with the law;
- (m) "Working day" means any calendar day from Monday to Friday, commencing from 8:00 a.m. and ending at 16:00 p.m.

Section 2

General Provisions

2.1 The Office of Political Party Registration and Certification ("Office") is responsible for registering and maintaining the registry of political parties, certification of all political entities to be included on a ballot, and the campaign spending limit and financial disclosure.

2.2 The Office shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall report directly to the CEC.

2.3 All political parties registered by the Political Parties Registration Office established within UNMIK Pillar III (OSCE) prior to the Law nr. 03/L-073 on General Elections in the Republic of Kosovo coming into force, shall be treated and considered as registered parties.

2.4 A Political Party that is entered in the Register of Political Parties thereby acquires the status of a legal person with the capacity to own property, enter into contracts and sue and be sued in its own name.

2.5 Political parties need to apply in order to continue the registration each year and not later than the 31st of March every year.

2.6 Applications for registration of Political Parties may be submitted to the Office at any time, from Monday to Friday during working hours.

Section 3

Registration of Political Parties

3.1 Political party may apply for registration by submitting to the Office:

- (a) a completed application, in the form prescribed by the Office, attached as Anex (1);
 - (i). the official name, acronym and symbol of the applicant Political Party;
 - (ii). names, last names, addresses, telephone numbers of the President of the Party and the members of the highest executive body;
 - (iii). the names, last names, addresses and telephone numbers of a representative of the applicant Political Party in each municipality in which the Party is active;
 - (iv). the name, last names, address and telephone numbers of the Contact Person of the applicant Political Party;

- (v). the name, last names, address and telephone numbers of the Financial Representative of the applicant Political Party;
 - (vi). telephone number and the postal address of the headquarter of the party
- (b) Party Statute conforming to the requirements of section 12 of this Rule;
- (c) Founding instrument indicating:
 - (i). the date and place of the founding of the Party;
 - (ii). the names of signatures of the founding members of the Party;
- (b) At least five hundred (500) signatures of registered voters in Kosovo, support of the applicant Political Party, on the form prescribed by the Office, along with the name, date and place of birth of each signatory, personal number of accepted documents in Kosovo, attached as Anex (2);
- (c) The Political Programme of the applicant Political Party, approved by its highest executive body, describing the political objectives and activities of the Party;
- (d) A non-refundable application fee of five hundred euro (€500);
- (e) Statement signed by the President of the Party to respect and abide by the Political Party Code of Conduct;
- (f) Recent financial statement of the Party;
 - (i). the date of the most recent party convention.

3.2 The Office shall be informed of any changes according Political Party's president or financial officer within (5) working days.

Section 4 Processing of Application

4.1 Within thirty (30) days of receiving the application, the Office shall inform the CEC of the status of the application, recommending to register, not to register, or specifying areas that may require further clarification.

4.2 The Office shall review applications within ten (10) days of receipt.

4.3 If an application is incomplete or if further information is required to process the application, the Office shall request the applicant to provide the additional information required within five (5) days of receiving the request by the Office.

4.4 If the Office accepts an application as complete it shall, within seven (7) working days advertise the application form of the applicant Political Party for public scrutiny in the Official languages in one or more newspapers having wide circulation in Kosovo as well as in the CEC web-site.

4.5 Any person may object to an application on one or more of the grounds set out in section 5 by submitting in the Office such objections in writing, together with any information or material substantiating the objections, to the Office within seven (7) days of the publication of the application under section 4.4 of this Rule.

4.6 If no objection is filed under section 4.4 and the Office determines that there are no grounds for denying the registration under section 5 of this Rule, the Office within three (3) days shall recommend to CEC to register the political party, and notify the Party accordingly.

4.7 If an objection is filed under section 4.5 of this Rule the Office shall consider the objection and make a decision approving or denying the application within three (3) days of the expiry of the seven (7) day period under that section. If the Office approves the application, it shall recommend CEC the registration and notify the Party accordingly.

4.8 After the CEC decision the Office shall immediately notify an applicant Political Party that its application has been denied if the CEC determines that, taking into account, that there are one or more of the grounds set out in section 5 apply.

4.9 A notice to an applicant Political Party denying a registration application shall include written reasons for the denial and inform the applicant of its right to appeal under section 8.

Section 5 Grounds for Denying Registration

5.1 The Office shall deny an application for registration by a Political Party if:

- (b) the registration documents, including the Party Statute, do not comply with the requirements of this Rule and/or are contrary to the applicable law;
- (c) the Party is in violation of sections 16.2 or 16.3 of this Rule;
- (d) the Party is applying for registration under a name, acronym, or symbol that is likely, in the judgment of the Office, to incite inter-communal, ethnic or religious hatred or violence;
- (e) the Party is applying for registration under a name, acronym, or symbol that is the same as, or, in the judgment of the Office, confusingly similar to, the name, acronym or symbol of a Party previously registered by the Office. If two Parties apply for registration under the same or confusingly similar names, the Office shall determine which Party has the right to register under its name or symbol, taking into account the totality of the circumstances, including:
 - (i). the date on which each Party submitted its application;
 - (ii). the date up on which each Party first used its name or symbol.

Section 6 Suspension of Registered Political Parties

6.1 The CEC shall suspend the registration of a Political Party if the Party:

- (a) fails to inform the Office in accordance with section 13.5 of this Rule that it has held an Electoral Assembly within six (6) months of its registration or within thirty six (36) months of its previous Electoral Assembly;
- (b) fails to submit a complete Annual Collected Records or Annual Financial Reports to the Office pursuant to sections 10 and 20 of this Rule, respectively;
- (c) adopts a Statute or Political Programme that does not conform to the requirements of this Rule;
- (d) is in violation of sections 16.2, 16.3, 22.3 of this Rule;
- (e) fails to pay fines imposed by the CEC, or the Election Complaints and Appeals Commission within the applicable deadline;

- (f) fails to return a Contribution that is not a permitted Contribution to the contributor or remit it to the Kosovo Consolidated Budget as required under sections 17.7 and 17.8 of this Rule.

6.2 The Office shall, immediately upon suspension of the registration of a Political Party:

- (a) make a note in the Register of Political Parties indicating that the registration of the Party has been suspended;
- (b) provide the Party with a written notice identifying the steps required to bring the registration of the Party back into good standing and informing the Party of its right to appeal the suspension under section 8 of this Rule.

6.3 The suspension of a Political Party's registration remains in effect pending the outcome of an appeal under section 8 of this Rule.

6.4 A Political Party whose registration is suspended shall not receive any public funding or be certified by the CEC to participate in an election.

6.5 The CEC shall immediately rescind the suspension of the registration of a Political Party once the Party has proven to the satisfaction of the Office that the grounds upon which the suspension was based have been remedied.

Section 7 Removal of Political Parties From the Register

7.1 The Office shall, upon direction of the CEC, remove a Political Party from the Register of Political Parties if :

- (a) a criminal conviction against a registered political entity shall mean deregistration of that political entity, as determined by the court.
- (b) each registered political party which did not submit a form as prescribed by the Rule to continue its registration no later than March 31 of each calendar year. Failure to reregister in accordance by this Rule means that the party shall be removed from the register of political parties.
- (c) has not been certified by the CEC to participate in three consecutive elections;
- (d) has voluntarily dissolved itself in accordance with its Statute.
- (e) has been suspended under section 6 for forty-eight (48) consecutive months;
- (f) has been ordered dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction;

7.2 A Political Party that is removed from the Register of Political Parties pursuant to section 7.1 shall cease to have the status of a legal person and shall be deemed to have been dissolved for the purposes of the disposition of its assets in accordance with its Statute.

Section 8 Appeals - Registration

8.1 A Political Party may appeal a decision of the CEC denying its application for registration or merger and suspension of registration to ECAC within the time prescribed by ECAC Rules of Procedures.

Section 9 Notice of Changes

9.1 A registered Political Party shall notify the Office within five (5) working days if the Party:

- (a) changes its official name, acronym or symbol. Such changes shall be coordinated with the Office in advance taking into account requirements of sections 5 (c) and (d) of this Rule;
- (b) changes its Statute or Political Programme;
- (c) changes its President, Financial Representative or the membership of its highest executive body;
- (d) voluntarily dissolves itself;
- (e) changes the identity, address or telephone number of its Contact Person, Financial representative, or representative of the Party in any of the municipalities in which the Party is active;
- (f) opens or closes a branch of the Party.

9.2 A registered Political Party shall submit, along with a notice of any of the changes listed in sections 9.1(a) through (d) of this Rule, a copy of the minutes of the meeting or proceeding at which the change was approved, which minutes shall be certified as accurate by the President of the Party.

9.3 A registered Political Party shall submit, along with a notice of any change to the Statute or Political Programme of the Party, a copy of the revised Statute or Political Programme.

Section 10 Annual Collected Records

10.1 A registered Political Party shall complete and submit to the Office, on or before 31 January of each year, an Annual Collected Records in the form prescribed by the Office, identifying:

- (a) the current names and addresses of the Party President, the members of its highest executive body, its Contact Person, its Financial Representative and the representative of the Party in each municipality in which the Party is active;
- (b) the current addresses of all the local branches of the Party in Kosovo and elsewhere;
- (c) any changes to the Political Party's Statute or Political Programme made during the previous year.

Section 11 Mergers

11.1 Two or more registered Political Parties may apply to merge to form a new Party by submitting to the Office:

- (a) minutes of the meetings or proceedings at which the decisions to merge were made by each of the Political Parties participating in the merger, each signed by the respective Party President;
- (b) the information or documents specified in sections 3.1 (a), (b) and (e) of this Rule for the new Party.

11.2 An application to merge shall be processed by the Office in the same manner and within the same time periods as an application for registration of a Political Party as provided in sections 3 and 4 of this Rule .

11.3 If the CEC approves a merger, it shall immediately:

- (a) inform the new Political Party in writing that the merger has been approved;
- (b) remove the names of the merged Parties from the Register of Political Parties;
- (c) enter the name of the new Political Party in the Register of Political Parties.

11.4 A merger between two or more registered Political Parties becomes effective on the date on which the application to merge is approved and registered by the Office. The Office shall notify the new Party accordingly immediately thereafter.

11.5 Upon approval and registration of a merger by the Office:

- (a) all of the Assets and Liabilities of the merged Political Parties become Assets and Liabilities of the new Political Party;
- (b) all of the members of the merged Political Parties become members of the new Political Party.

11.6 CEC with the recommendation of the Office shall deny an application for merger that does not conform to the requirements of this section. The Office shall immediately provide an applicant with written notice if the Office denies an application to merge. Such notice shall include written reasons for the denial and inform the applicant of its right to appeal under section 8 of this Rule .

Section 12 Party Statute

12.1 Each registered Political Party shall have a Statute governing the operation of the Party as a whole, including each of the Party's branches;

12.2 The Statute of a registered Political Party shall include the following:

- (a) the procedures by which members of the public may become and cease to be members of the Party, and the rights and responsibilities associated with membership;
- (b) the procedures to be followed in amending the Statute or Political Programme of the Party;
- (c) the procedures to be followed by the Party to dissolve itself, enter into an electoral coalition or merge with another party;
- (d) the procedures to be followed in the election of the President, the members of the highest executive body or any other elected officials of the Party;
- (e) the procedures to be followed in the selection of the candidates of the Party for elections to both the Kosovo Assembly and the Municipal Assemblies taking into account section 14;
- (f) the creation of a body to resolve disputes within the Party relating to the interpretation of the Party Statute;
- (g) provision for the disposition of any Assets remaining after meeting all Liabilities on the dissolution of the Party;
- (h) the timing of and Rules of procedures to be followed at ordinary and extraordinary Assemblies of the members of the Party, including provisions for quorums, agendas and decision making.

12.3 An amendment to a registered Political Party Statute that does not conform to the requirements of this Rule shall have no force.

12.4 Each registered Political Party and all of its members, executive bodies and officials shall comply with the Party Statute and, to the extent that the Party Statute is inconsistent with this Rule, with the terms of this Rule.

12.5 The Statute of a registered Political Party is a public document and the Party shall make copies of its current Statute available to members of the public upon request. The Party may charge a fee not to exceed twenty-five euro cents (€0.25) per page for copies of its Statute.

Section 13 Assembly

13.1 A registered Political Party shall hold an Assembly within six (6) months of the Party's registration and at least every thirty-six (36) months thereafter.

13.2 The President of a registered Political Party shall report on the financial situation of the Party and present the most recent Annual Financial Report between two Assemblies.

13.3 The Assembly of a registered Political Party shall elect the President and highest executive body of the Party in a democratic and transparent manner within six (6) months of the Party's registration and at least every thirty-six (36) months thereafter.

13.4 Each member of a registered Political Party shall, directly or through his or her duly assigned delegate, have an equal vote in all decisions taken by the Assembly, including the election of the President and highest executive body of the Party.

13.5 A registered Political Party shall inform the Office that it has held an Assembly no later than five (5) days thereafter by submitting to the Office a copy of the minutes of the Assembly. The minutes shall be certified as accurate by the President of the Party.

13.6 A registered Political Party shall invite the Office to monitor its Assembly. A registered Political Party shall invite the respective MEC to monitor its branch Assembly.

Section 14 The Selection of Electoral Candidates

14.1 A registered Political Party shall ensure the democratic participation of the members of the Party in the selection of the electoral candidates of the Party.

14.2 The candidates of a registered Political Party for an election to a municipal assembly shall be selected by the branch or branches of the Party in that municipality.

Section 15 Political Party Members

15.1 An individual must be eligible to vote in Kosovo in order to be a member of a registered Political Party.

15.2 A registered Political Party shall keep and maintain a Register of Members showing the names, addresses and Civil Registration, passport or drivers licence numbers of all of its members and the dates on which they became members.

15.3 A registered Political Party may impose membership dues or fees on its members in an amount not exceeding twelve euro (€12) per member per calendar year.

15.4 The members of a registered Political Party, including its officers, shall not be responsible for the Liabilities of the Party.

Section 16 Political Party Officers

16.1 The President and all other officers of a registered Political Party must be members of that Party.

16.2 No person who is serving a sentence imposed by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, or who is under indictment by the Tribunal and has failed to comply with an order to appear before the Tribunal, may hold any office or function within or representing a Political Party.

16.3 Ombudsperson and their deputies, or any other person or group of persons and their deputies mentioned in article 29 of the Law on General Elections in Republic of Kosovo if appropriate in this context, shall not hold any appointed, elected, or other function within or presenting a Political Party.

16.4 The highest executive body of a registered Political Party shall designate one or more individuals who are authorized to enter into agreements on behalf of the Party.

Section 17 The finances of Political Parties

17.1 A registered Political Party shall not accept any Contribution except:

- (a) Contributions from individuals of no more than twenty thousand euro (€20,000) per calendar year per individual, provided that Contributions in currency meet the requirements of section 5 of Regulation No. 2004/2 “On the Deterrence of Money Laundering and Related Criminal Offences”
- (b) membership fees or dues from members of the Party in accordance with the Party Statute;
- (c) funding and other support from the Kosovo Consolidated Budget as provided under section 18 of this Rule.

17.2 A Political Party shall not accept a Contribution from an individual who does not, before making the Contribution, disclose to the Party his or her:

- (a) full name;
- (b) address;
- (c) personal number (*passport number or drivers licence number*).

17.3 A registered Political Party shall not accept an indirect Contribution made through an individual from the money, property or services of a third party.

17.4 A registered Political Party shall not engage in any commercial or for-profit activity of any kind, except that a Party may sell goods, such as publications or posters, bearing the Party’s logo or acronym having a total value of no more than two thousand euro (€2,000) per year.

17.5 The Assets and Income of a registered Political Party shall be used solely to support the political not-for-profit purposes of the Party and shall not be used to provide a benefit, directly or indirectly, to any Party official, member, donor or member of the public. This section does not

preclude the payment of reasonable compensation to individuals for work performed for a registered Political Party, which shall be reflected in the official financial reports in accordance with section 20 of this Rule.

17.6 Any disbursement of currency by a registered Political Party to a recipient shall be conducted in accordance with section 5 of UNMIK Regulation No. 2004/2.

17.7 If a registered Political Party receives a Contribution that is not permitted under this Rule, the President of the Party shall return the Contribution to the contributor within fourteen days of becoming aware of the impermissible Contribution.

17.8 If a registered Political Party is unable to return an impermissible Contribution to the contributor within fourteen days of becoming aware of the impermissible Contribution, the President of the Party shall immediately remit the Contribution to the Kosovo Consolidated Budget in accordance with procedures to be established by Office in consultation with the Government.

Section 18 Public Funding of Registered Political Parties

18.1 A registered Political Party may accept direct funding and other support from the Kosovo Budget, provided that such funding or support is:

- (a) specifically authorized in the applicable law;
- (b) allocated among recipients based on criteria formalized by the Assembly of Kosovo.

18.2 Public funding of registered Political Parties from the Kosovo Budget shall be allocated in a manner that does not distinguish between those seats set aside for non- Albanian Kosovo communities.

18.3 A Political Party that fails to elect its President and highest executive body and inform the Office accordingly under sections 13, shall not be eligible for, and shall not accept, any public funding of any kind until it comes into compliance with those sections.

Section 19 Financial Representative

19.1 The Financial Representative of a registered Political Party shall be the sole point of contact between the Office and the Party in respect of all financial matters.

19.2 The authorized financial officer of the party and the president of the party shall be legally responsible for the accuracy of all information submitted to the Office as required by the law on General Elections.

Section 20 Annual Financial Reports

20.1 A registered Political Party shall submit to the Office each year, for the period 1 January to 31 December, by the following 1 March, a Annual Financial Report, in the form prescribed by the Office:

20.2 Each Annual Financial Report shall include:

- (a) a balance sheet showing the Assets, Liabilities and Equity of the Party, including all of its branches, on the first and last days of the period covered by the report;
- (b) a profit and loss statement showing the Income and Expenditures of the Party, including all of its branches, during the period covered by the report;
- (c) a statement identifying each Payment made to another person during the period covered by the report, if the total value of all Payments to that person during the period exceeds five thousand euro (€5,000), and indicating the purpose of the payment.

20.3 Each Annual Financial Report shall include copies of the following documentation:

- (a) the registered Political Party's statement of accounts for the period covered by the Report;
- (b) receipts for all Expenditures in excess of one hundred euro (€100);
- (c) bank statements for any bank accounts held by or on behalf of the registered Political Party;
- (d) record of all Contributions to the registered Political Party from a single source if the combined value of Contributions from that source has exceeded one hundred euro (€100) during the period covered by the report, which shall indicate:
 - (i). the value of each Contribution made to the Party;
 - (ii). the date on which each Contribution was made;
 - (iii). the full name, address and personal, passport or drivers licence number.

Section 21 Records

21.1 Each registered Political Party shall keep and maintain for a period of seven (7) years accurate and detailed financial records, including:

- (a) accounting books that record, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles:
 - (i). all Income by source, amount, and manner of Payment, such as by currency or payment order;
 - (ii). all Payments made by the Party to any person, the purpose of the Payment and the manner in which the Payment was made;
- (b) receipts for all Expenditures in excess of one hundred euro (€100);
- (c) bank records for all accounts held by or on behalf of the Party;
- (d) documents establishing the legal basis for ownership or occupation of all real property occupied by the Party;
- (e) contracts, including contracts relating to the lease or purchase of real or personal property;
- (f) a register of all Party members;
- (g) a record of all Contributions to the Party, including:
 - (i). the value of each Contribution made to the Party;
 - (ii). the date on which each Contribution was made;
 - (iii). the full name, address and personal, *passport or driver's licence number* of each contributor;
 - (iv). the name of the Party representative who received the Contribution on behalf of the Party.

Section 22
Audit of Financial Reports

22.1 The Office may audit any Annual Financial Report.

22.2 The Office shall perform audits in compliance with the accounting standards applicable in Kosovo.

22.3 A registered Political Party shall cooperate fully with auditors of the Office and shall provide the auditors with full and unfettered access to the financial records of the Party, without limitation.

22.4 The Office shall present the preliminary results of an audit of a Annual Financial Report, including a list of any apparent errors or omissions, to the highest executive body of the Political Party within sixty (60) days of commencing an audit.

22.5 A registered Political Party may, within five (5) working days of its receipt of the preliminary results of an audit, submit a revised financial report and an explanation that addresses any apparent errors or omissions identified by the Office.

22.6 The Office shall prepare a final audit report within ten (10) working days of the delivery of a preliminary audit report to a registered Political Party. The final report shall identify any errors or omissions in the financial report taking account of any explanation and revision submitted under section 22.5 of this Rule.

22.7 On completion of a final audit report, the Office shall submit a copy of the report to the CEC and the highest executive body of the registered Political Party.

Section 23
Public Information

23.1 The Office shall update and maintain the documents of Political Parties:

- (b) the Register of Political Parties;
- (c) Statute of each registered Political Party;
- (d) the Political Programme
- (e) the final versions of all Annual Financial Reports or other financial reports submitted to the Office;
- (f) all final audit reports issued by the Office;
- (g) a register of Donors indicating.
 - (i). the full name and personal, passport or drivers licence numbers of all persons who have made Contributions to a registered Political Party, the combined value of which have exceeded one hundred euro (€100) in any calendar year;
 - (ii). the identity of the recipient registered Political Party;
 - (iii). the value of the Contributions; and
 - (iv). the dates on which the Contributions were made;

23.2 The access to the documentation for registration of Political Parties is done in conformity with the Rules provided in the Law on Access to Official Documents.

Section 24

Penalties

24.1 The CEC, shall sanction registered Political Parties for breaches of this Rule according to the rule 14/2009 on Sanction and Fines.

24.2 If the CEC imposes a fine on a registered Political Party, the Office shall immediately notify the Party of the fine and of the right to appeal .

24.3 The imposition of a fine hereunder does not affect the suspension of the Registration of a Political Party under section 6 of this Rule.

24.4 The imposition of a fine hereunder does not prejudice any criminal sanction that may apply. Cases which might implicate a criminal action shall be forwarded by the CEC to the Office of the Prosecutor of Kosovo.

24.5 The Office shall remit fines collected hereunder to the Kosovo Consolidated Budget.

24.6 The Office may submit a complaint to the Election Complaint and Appeals Commission (ECAC) except for cases in which Political Parties are not paying the Fines in accordance to section 24.1. of this rule, within the specified timeline.

Section 25 Extension of Filing Periods

25.1 The Office may grant extensions of the filing periods specified under sections 10,20 and 22 upon submission by a registered Political Party of a request in writing for such extension. The request shall be submitted not later than ten (10) working days after the date on which the relevant filing is due and shall contain an explanation demonstrating that the Party could not meet the deadline due to circumstances beyond its control. The Office shall notify the Party in writing of its decision whether to grant an extension of the filing period with five (5) working days of its receipt of the request.

Section 26 Entry into Force

This Election Rule enters into force on June 25, 2009.

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