



# Promoting Integrity, Capacity and Sustainable Democracy:

International Obligations for  
Democratic Elections



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| Will of the People Shall be the Basis of Government                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
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| Obligation: The expression of the Will of the People in establishing government is fundamental in every election.                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| AU,African Union Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa,art. 1                                                                       | "Democratic elections are the basis of the authority of any representative government;"                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| OAS,American Convention on Human Rights,art. 23(1b)                                                                                                                  | "Every citizen shall enjoy the following rights:... to vote and to be elected in genuine periodic elections, which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and by secret ballot that guarantees the free expression of the will of the voters."                        |  |
| CIS,Convention on the Standards of Democratic Elections, Electoral Rights and Freedoms in the Commonwealth of Independent States,art. 9 (1)                          | "During authentic elections there are guarantees for revealing the freely expressed will of the people and for its direct execution."                                                                                                                                   |  |
| CIS,Commonwealth of Independent States Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,art. 29(b)                                                                | "Everyone shall have the right and opportunity and in the state of which he is a citizen:... to vote and to be elected at elections held on the basis of universal and equal suffrage by secret ballot, that guarantees the free expression of the will of the voters." |  |
| CoE,Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights) as amended by Protocol No. 1,art. 3 | "The High Contracting Parties undertake to hold free elections at reasonable intervals by secret ballot, under conditions which will ensure the free expression of the opinion of the people in the choice of the legislature."                                         |  |
| UN,Universal Declaration of Human Rights,art. 21(3)                                                                                                                  | "The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures."     |  |
| AU,African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance,art. 3(3)                                                                                                  | "State Parties shall implement this Charter in accordance with the following principles: 3. Promotion of a system of government that is representative."                                                                                                                |  |
| OSCE,Copenhagen Document - Second Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE,para. 5.1                                                                            | "Free elections that will be held at reasonable intervals by secret ballot or by equivalent free voting procedure, under conditions which ensure in practice the free expression of the opinion of the electors in the choice of their representatives."                |  |
| OSCE,Copenhagen Document - Second Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE,para. 6                                                                              | "The participating States declare that the will of the people, freely and fairly expressed through periodic and genuine elections, is the basis of the authority and legitimacy of government."                                                                         |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                      | "Essential elements of representative democracy include, inter alia, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, access to and the exercise of power in accordance with the rule of law,                                                                         |  |



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