



INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL ELECTION OBSERVATION CHARTER

In accordance with:

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, mainly articles 3 and 21;

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, mainly paragraph (b) of article 25;

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, mainly articles 3 and 4 and paragraph (a) of article 7;

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, mainly articles 5, 9, 21 and 29;

The Convention against All Forms of Racial Discrimination, mainly paragraph (c) of Article 5;

The United Nations Convention against Corruption, mainly articles 5 and 13;

The Constitution, mainly article 11;

Royal Decree (Dahir) # 1-11-19 dated 25 Rabii I 1432 A.H. (1st March 2011) establishing the National Human Rights Council, mainly articles 25 (paragraph 2) and 36;

Law # 30-11 setting out the terms and conditions of the independent and impartial election observation;

The Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers, released by the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division on 27 October 2005;

The Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations initiated by the Global Network of Domestic Election Monitors and commemorated on April 3, 2012;

The Special Commission for the Accreditation of Election Observers drafted this Charter that includes the core principles and rules with which the accredited organizations and their observers must comply.

1. Joint commitments of the accredited organizations and their observers.

- ❖ Act in accordance with the international human rights standards;
- ❖ Respect the sovereignty the Moroccan State, its institutions and its powers;
- ❖ Respect the laws and regulations in force;
- ❖ Monitor elections impartially;
- ❖ Be objective, professional, and accurate in their observation and ensure the documentation of the electoral process.

2. Commitments of the accredited organizations

- ❖ Make sure their observers respect and implement the Charter;



- ❖ Propose impartial observers who have no conflicting personal interests with the independent observation tasks and inform the accreditation commission of any breach of the impartiality provisions;
- ❖ Adopt a gender based approach when selecting observers;
- ❖ Appoint an official spokesperson for the elections related communication tasks;
- ❖ Ensure transparent funding in accordance with the laws in force;
- ❖ Draw up reports containing conclusions and recommendations to strengthen the electoral process and hand a copy to the Chairman of the Special Accreditation Commission.

3. Commitments of observers

- ❖ Abide by the scope of their election observation mission;
- ❖ Be consistent with the independent observation principles;
- ❖ Commit to apply for election observation with only one organization;
- ❖ Adhere to their accredited organizations' guidelines and principles;
- ❖ Conduct no activity or act that may be perceived as favoring any particular candidate, the administration or any other stakeholder concerned;
- ❖ Respect public order during public gatherings and demonstrations organized as part of the election campaigns;
- ❖ Respect public order in the polling stations;
- ❖ Refrain from interfering in the electoral process, respect the secrecy of the vote, and never influence the free choice of voters;
- ❖ Commit to work exclusively for their accredited organizations, and refrain from giving any information or data they receive to third parties;
- ❖ Present their accreditation cards to public authorities and the heads of polling stations when asked to do so, and wear their accreditation badges, that are handed by the accreditation commission;
- ❖ Refrain from issuing any statement, comment or declaration to written, audio-visual or electronic media;
- ❖ Stop using their accreditation cards and badges once a decision is made to withdraw their accreditation and return them immediately to the accreditation commission.

Full name: in my capacity as:
....., National Identity Card No
..... Passport No (for international observers):
..... Address:

I hereby certify that I have read the Election Observation Charter and pledge to abide by its provisions.

Signature:
Date: