



The Special Commission for the Accreditation of Election Observers

Rules of Procedure

Article 1: Duration

These Rules of Procedure shall apply during the mandate-duration of the Special Commission for the Accreditation of Election Observers.

Article 2: Composition

The Special Commission for the Accreditation of Election Observers shall be chaired by the President of the National Human Rights Council or by someone he delegates for this purpose.

The Commission shall be comprised of:

1. Four members representing the departments of Justice and Freedoms, the Interior, Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and Communication;
2. A representative of the *Délégation interministérielle aux droits de l'Homme* (inter-ministerial department for human rights);
3. A representative of the National Authority for Integrity and the Prevention and Fight of Bribery (currently Central Authority for the Prevention of Corruption);
4. Five representatives of civil society organizations represented within the National Human Rights Council;

The Chairman of the Commission may invite any qualified person to attend the proceedings of the Commission on an advisory basis.

Article 3: Secretariat of the Commission

The Secretariat of the Commission shall be provided by the Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Council or someone he delegates for this purpose from the Council.

The Secretariat shall organize the proceedings of the Commission, write the minutes of its meetings and communicate them to the members of the Commission.

Minutes shall be recorded in an indexed register and initialled by the President and the Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Council.

Article 4: Convening meetings and meeting agendas

The Commission shall be convened by its Chairman on a regular basis at the headquarters of the National Human Rights Council, according to a specific agenda. The agenda shall be notified to the members of the Commission with all possible means, indicating the date and venue of the meeting.

The Commission shall meet at least 24 hours after the date of notification.



Article 5: Quorum

A quorum of at least half of the members shall be necessary to hold the meetings of the Commission. If the quorum is not met, an invitation shall be sent to the members, according to the forms and deadlines under Article 4, to meet for the second time. The second meeting shall be held regardless of the number of attending members.

The quorum shall be verified at the beginning of the meetings. The quorum shall not be affected should a member withdraw from the meeting for any reason.

Article 6: Deliberations

The Commission shall make its decisions by the absolute majority of the attending members. In the case of a tie vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

Voting shall take place by show of hands.

The Commission's Chairman and Secretary shall sign the decisions made by the Commission, which shall be recorded, in a chronological order, in the register provided for in Article 3 above.

Article 7: Minutes

Minutes shall be recorded in an indexed register and initialled by the Commission's Chairman and Secretary. The minutes of each meeting shall be communicated to all members of the Commission before the next meeting.

Article 8: Discretion and confidentiality of deliberations

The members of the Commission and all the participants in its meetings shall be committed to the obligation of discretion and to maintaining the confidentiality of the deliberations.

Article 9: Accreditation

The Commission shall decide on the applications submitted for election observation accreditation according to the terms, conditions and deadlines set forth in the accreditation procedure.

Article 10: Withdrawal of accreditation

If an observer breaches the provisions of Article 17 of Law # 30-11, the Commission shall make the decision to withdraw the observer's accreditation card and badge.

The Commission shall receive minutes, communications and statements concerning the violations specified in Law # 30.11 and in the Observation Charter, using all possible means. Depending on the case, it shall either make its decision to withdraw accreditation and bring the observation operation to an end, or shall immediately make the decision to withdraw the accreditation of the observing organization.

The decision to withdraw the accreditation card and badge shall be communicated to the observer via the accredited organization, alerting the organization according to the provisions of Article 18 of Law 30-11.



The decision to withdraw the accreditation of the organization concerned shall be communicated to its legal representative.

All decisions to withdraw cards and badges of observers and decisions to withdraw the accreditation of the observing organization shall be communicated to the relevant government authorities for implementation.