



## INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL ELECTION OBSERVATION ELECTION OBSERVATION CHARTER

In accordance with:

- ✓ 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 Dahir # 1-11-19 dated 25 Rabii I 1432 A.H. (1<sup>st</sup> March 2011) establishing the National Human Rights Council, mainly Articles 25 (paragraph 2) and 36;
- ✓ Law # 30-11 setting out the terms and conditions for 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 endorses this Charter which 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**

Accredited organizations and their observers shall undertake to:

- ❖ Respect international human rights standards;
- ❖ Respect the State's sovereignty, 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**

The accredited organizations shall undertake to:

- ❖ Familiarize their observers with the Charter and commit them to comply with its provisions;
- ❖ Delegate impartial observers who have no conflicting personal interests with the independent observation tasks;
- ❖ Adopt a gender based approach when selecting their 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.

## **3. Commitments of observers**

The accredited observers shall undertake to:

- ❖ Abide by the scope of their observation mission;
- ❖ Behave in a manner consistent with the independent observation principles;
- ❖ Adhere to their accredited organizations' guidelines and principles;
- ❖ Not conduct any activity or act that may be perceived as favouring any particular candidate, the administration or any other stakeholder;
- ❖ Respect public order during public gatherings and demonstrations organized as part of 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 the accredited organization they belong to, and refrain from giving any information 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, communication, comment or declaration to written, audio-visual or electronic media;
- ❖ Not use their accreditation cards and badges once a decision is made to withdraw their accreditation;
- ❖ Immediately return the cards and badges to the accreditation commission once their accreditation is withdrawn.

**Date:**

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**Full name:** .....

**ID Card #:** .....

**Passport #:** .....

**Address:** .....

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

**Signature:** .....

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**Date:**

**Signature of the accredited organization** .....

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**Date:**