

UNAMI UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

Based on the authorization granted to BoC, in article (4) paragraph (8) of IHEC Law no. (11) for 2007, and the Elections Law no. (16) for 2005, amendment, the following Regulation is issued:

Regulation of CoR Elections 2010 for Iraqi Voters living abroad Regulation no. (20) for the year 2010

Preamble

The Independent High Electoral Commission is established in accordance with Law no. (11) for 2007, to be the exclusive electoral authority in Iraq. IHEC is a professional, independent, and neutral commission that holds juridical personality, and is subject to the supervision of CoR.

Chapter One Terminology

1. IHEC: The Independent High Electoral Commission
2. Elections Law: Law no. 16 for 2005, amendment
3. Host Country: the country that approves to open IHEC Elections Administration Office for Iraqis living abroad.
4. Registration and Polling: the process that enables eligible Iraqis living abroad to register and vote in the CoR Elections.
5. Voter Register: the register in which the names of eligible voters are listed for OCV of the CoR.
6. Registration and Polling Center: the location where registration and polling processes will be conducted. It includes one PS or more.

Chapter Two

OCV Administration

1. OCV process will be conducted by IHEC. The latter will open a main office for OCV administration; other offices in the host country will also be opened, and relevant to the main office. In addition, registration and polling centers are to be established; the work in these centers will be organized in accordance with BoC instructions.
2. IHEC will coordinate with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) as well as Iraqi embassies in host countries for the following purposes:
 - a. Establish Elections Administration Office in the host country, and open centers for the registration and polling, and counting and sorting processes.
 - b. Facilitate connections with the relevant government depts. in the host countries.
 - c. Provide support regarding vacancy announcements whether in the country electoral office, registration and polling centers, or counting and sorting centers.
3. MoFA, in coordination with IHEC and on its behalf, will discuss the MoU of OCV with the host countries.
4. IHEC will decide the countries in which registration and polling processes will be held for eligible Iraqis, depending on the host country's approval and number of voters.

Chapter Three

Eligibility to Vote

1. The voter must meet the legal conditions stipulated in the Elections Law of CoR no. 16 for 2005, amendment, in order to register and vote in OCV process.
2. IHEC will set the procedures to identify the required documents to prove voter's eligibility.

Chapter Four Registration and Polling

1. Both, registration and polling processes will be conducted in the same time in registration and polling centers identified by IHEC in host countries.
2. Eligible voters will register their names and data in the voter register during the polling process, in order to cast their votes.
3. Eligible voters must present their IDs, identified by IHEC, in order to list their names and data in the voter register. In case these IDs are accepted, voters can register and vote in the same time.
4. Eligible voters will vote for their original governorates, according to the conditional voting mechanism. IHEC, through its procedures, will identify the required documents to prove voter's affiliation to the governorate.
5. Eligible voters, who reside in other countries than the host country, may travel to the host country for registration and voting; within the time specified by IHEC for polling.
6. IHEC has possession of all voters data listed in the voter register. No other body has the right to view these data without IHEC approval.
7. Only registration and polling processes will be conducted in the registration and polling centers. No other electoral process will be conducted therein unless the BoC agreed upon.

Chapter Five Counting and Sorting

1. Following the completion of polling process, the counting and sorting of votes will be conducted in compliance with IHEC procedures.
2. The Election Results in every host country will be transferred to the Counting and Sorting Center in the N.O. at IHEC.
3. The votes of voters living abroad will be counted for the governorates for which they vote.

Chapter Six

Electoral Campaigns (Propaganda)

1. The same provisions stipulated in the Regulation of Electoral Campaigns for CoR Elections no. 19 for 2009 shall be implemented for PE, coalition and candidate campaigns in the host countries.
2. PEs, coalitions and candidates may commence their campaigns in host countries; as from the date of announcing the accredited candidate lists by IHEC, and ends 24 hours prior to polling process in these countries.
3. Electoral campaigns will be subject to the valid rules and regulations and PE code of conduct issued by IHEC.
4. Complaints regarding electoral campaigns are to be submitted to IHEC offices in host countries, to the OCV main office, or N.O.

Chapter Seven

Media Outlets

1. Local and international media representatives, who would like to enter registration and polling centers, will have the right to do so only after obtaining the accredited approval of the OCV main office, or IHEC electoral offices in host counties as per IHEC procedures.
2. Media outlets and representatives will be subject to the code of conduct issued by IHEC, and the provisions of the Media Outlets Regulation no. 15 for 2009.

Chapter Eight

Elections Observers

1. IHEC will accredit local and international observation teams to observe the OCV process, in compliance with IHEC procedures.
2. The observation teams will be subject to the observers code of conduct issued by IHEC, and the provisions of the Elections and Referenda Observers Regulation no. 13 for 2009.

Chapter Nine Political Entity Agents

1. PE and coalitions, accredited by IHEC, have the right to name their agents to observe the registration and polling, and the counting and sorting processes. PE agents will be accredited in accordance with IHEC procedures.
2. PE requests, concerning their agents, will be submitted to the countries electoral offices only.
3. Accredited PE agents will be subject to the code of conduct of PE Agents issued by IHEC, and the provisions of the PE Regulation no. 14 for 2009.

Chapter Ten Complaints

1. Only PE, their agents and Iraqi voters have the right to submit complaints to IHEC regarding OCV. The complaints will be submitted to the OCV main office, the country electoral office or N.O., in compliance with IHEC procedures.
2. The same provisions of Complaints and Appeals Regulation for CoR Elections no. 16 for 2009, will be implemented in OCV complaints.

Chapter Eleven Validity of Regulation

No other regulation that contradicts the provisions of this regulation will be implemented

Chapter Twelve Enforcement Date

This regulation will enter into force starting from the date of approval by BoC on 09/01/2010.