



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق
كۆمیسۆنی باآلای سه ریه خۆی هه ئیزارد نه كان له عێراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq

International Electoral Assistance Team (IEAT)

Fact Sheet

Electoral Code of Conduct: Kurdistan Iraqi Parliament ('KIP') and Presidential Elections

A Code of Conduct is an agreement on rules of behaviour for the members of that group or organization. In the electoral context, Codes of Conduct contribute to fairness and transparency in the administration of an election.

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) considers honest, moral and ethical conduct and behaviour to be of the highest importance to all actors associated with the electoral process, beginning with the IHEC Board of Commissioners and all IHEC employees. According to IHEC Law No. 11 (2007) article 6, paragraph 4, a Code of Conduct was created for the members of the Board of Commissioners. All IHEC employees, including polling staff, are also required to sign a **Code of Conduct** before beginning activities with the Commission. In addition to complying with internal Codes of Conduct, the IHEC requires compliance with international standards for external actors that interact with the IHEC and participate in the electoral process. The following organizations and groups must all adhere to established Codes of Conduct set forth by the IHEC:

1. **Political Entities** – The Political Entity Agents Code of Conduct is binding on the actions of the political entity, its leaders, candidates, members, and supporters. Every political entity must make every effort to ensure that its leaders, candidates, members, and supporters understand and abide by the Code of Conduct.
2. **Domestic Observers** – In addition to observation, Domestic Observers also record facts, receive impressions and report. The Code of Conduct is designed to allow observers to promote confidence in the electoral system overall and the right to observe all aspects of a national election
3. **International Observers** – The applicable Code of Conduct for International Election Observers was formulated by the United Nations in 2005. It can be found in its entirety at <http://www.uniraq.org/electoral/IraqElections.asp>. This document serves as the international standard to which the IHEC anticipates all international observation groups to uphold.

Disciplinary action can be taken against any group or individual violating a Code of Conduct including the potential removal from office. In the case of observers or party agents, the IHEC may remove accreditation privileges for that organization or entity and further prosecute the matter if found to be a breach of the Electoral Law.

Additional inquiries regarding the IHEC Codes of Conduct can be directed to the following email address:
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