



IHEC Regulation No.14

According to the authority granted to the Board of commissioners in the article (4), item (8) of the Independent High Electoral Commission's law No. (11), in the year 2007, we decided issuing the following regulation:-

(Agents of Political Entities)

Regulation no. (14) Of 2009

(Preamble)

The independent High Electoral Commission in Iraq has been established according to law no (11) of the year 2007 to be the only electoral authority in Iraq, The commission is professional, autonomous, independent, and neutral and subject to the supervision of CoR.

Part 1 (Terminology)

The following terms have the meaning opposite them:-

1. "**Commission**":-means The Independent High Electoral Commission.
2. "**Political Entity Agent**" is the person named by the political entity to observe the integrity of VRU and electoral processes and referenda.
3. "**Code of Conduct**":- The Code of Conduct of PE Agents, issued by IHEC.

Part 2



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(Accreditation of Political Entities' agents)

1. Agents are considered an important element in the democratic process. Their role consists of observing stages of VRU, Elections, and referenda, and submitting reports to their political entity, about the process's fairness and neutrality.
2. All the political entities registered with IHEC have the right to name agents to observe all the electoral referendum processes. IHEC accredits such agents according to its procedures.
3. IHEC only approves accredited agents and political entities' registered candidates, to observe the processes of VRU, referenda, and elections.
4. Agents of political entities should accept the code of conduct and adhere to it. IHEC has the right to withdraw the accreditation of any agent who violates the code of conduct.

Part 3

(Conditions of Political Entities agents' terms of work)

1. IHEC is not responsible for the communications, health, and safety of political entities' agents, nor provide any support to them.
2. Each political entity will be responsible for all types of support and expenses of the work of its agents (transportation, communication, accommodation) IHEC does not bear any of these expenses, and no political entity's agent is entitled to use any of IHEC resources such as equipment and vehicles.
3. Political entities are responsible for providing their accredited agents with full details about the procedures of the elections, VRU, referenda, and the rules, before starting their activities.
4. Each political entity's agent should sign his accreditation card at the time of receiving it. All agents of political entities should carry alternative documents



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that have their photograph, in order to be identified, and to enable the staff of elections and referenda to confirm their ID.

5. Agents of political entities are not allowed to interfere in any ways in the processes of VRU, elections, and referenda. They may draw the attention of IHEC staff including those who are responsible for the process of VRU, elections, and referenda, or the BOC, or the CEO, to issues that they want to raise, which occurred during their presence. IHEC members are not obliged to take action.
6. Agents of political entities submit reports to the head of the political entity or to its representative, and then the PE could raise any case with the IHEC officials responsible for the process of VRU, Elections, and referenda, either on the regional or governorate level, or with the CEO. If the issue was not resolved, they may appeal to BoC.

Part 4 **(Date of Validity)**

This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its ratification by the Board of Commissioners on 2/ 4/ 2009.

Board of Commissioners