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UNAMI UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

According to the authority granted to the Board of Commissioners (BoC) in Article (4), Paragraph (Eighth) of the Independent High Electoral Commission Law No. (11) For 2007, and CoR Law No. (16) for 2005 amended ... ,we decided to issue the following regulation:

**Candidates Accreditation
Regulation No. (17) for 2009**

(Preamble)

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) was established by Law No. (11) for 2007 to be the exclusive electoral body in Iraq. IHEC is a professional, independent, and neutral body with a juridical personality, and subject to the supervision of the Council of Representatives (CoR).

**Section 1
(Terminology)**

The following terms represent the meaning opposite to each one of them:

1. Commission: the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC).
2. Elections Law: Iraqi CoR Law No. (16) for the year 2005, amended.
3. Political Entity: An organization, including a political party or an individual that intends to nominate himself for the elections, provided that they are registered and accredited by IHEC.
4. Individual List: a list which an individual political entity can run for elections, and must be registered and accredited by IHEC.
5. Electoral District (constituency): Each specified governorate with official administrative boundaries for which a number of seats were allocated, according to the elections law.
6. Candidate: Anyone whose candidacy for CoR elections has been approved.



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7. Eligible Voter: Anyone who meets the legal conditions for eligibility to vote in the elections.
8. National Office (NO): IHEC head office in Baghdad.
9. Coalition: A combination of two or more political entities in order to submit a unified list of candidates in specific elections.
10. Minorities Seats: Seats allocated by the elections law for the minorities (Christians, Yezedi, Sabean Mandaen and Shabak).

Section 2
(Application)

- Provisions of these regulations shall be applied to candidates for Iraqi CoR Elections 2010, in accordance with the provisions of the elections law.

Section 3
(Political Entities and Candidates)

1. Political entities that are not approved by IHEC, are not allowed to submit candidate lists for the elections.
2. Two or more political entities may form a coalition to combine their interests, submit a list of their candidates, and organize a media campaign for their candidates in the coalition.
3. Political entities can submit candidates' lists to run for the elections in one constituency or more, in the same time they can form a coalition with another Political Entity and submit a candidates' list for other constituencies other than the one where the PE has submitted by itself.
4. Political Entities and Coalitions who are willing to run for the elections in one constituency or more, must submit a candidates' list to run for the elections in each constituency separately.

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Components Lists

5. In accordance to Election Law, compensatory seats for Components will be as following:
 - a. **The Christian Component: five seats to be distributed to the governorates of Baghdad (1), Ninewa (1), Erbil (1), Kirkuk (1) and Dohuk (1).Iraq will be considered as one Electoral District for Christian component.**
 - b. **The Yezedi Component: one seat in the governorate of Ninewa.**
 - c. **The Sabean Mandaen Component:one seat in the governorate of Baghdad.**
 - d. **The Shebak Component: one seat in the governorate of Ninewa.**
6. The type of component which PE or Coalition would like to compete for minority seats should be defined.
7. The candidates' lists will be submitted during the period specified by IHEC.
8. The candidates' lists must be submitted in the governorate where the PE or the coalition wants to run for the elections.
9. The candidates' names should not be repeated in candidates' different list of PEs and Coalitions.
10. The seats for the Christian component will be allocated, one seat for the first winner from each governorate from the concern governorates mentioned in this section 1\ a.
11. The PE and Coalitions compete for Christian Component seats are not allowed to submit candidates list for the general seats.



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Section 5

(Candidates' Lists)

1. The candidates' list should meet the following:
 - a. The candidates' list submitted to IHEC, must be filled electronically.
 - b. The number of candidates in the list should not exceed the double number of seats allocated for the electoral district, and should not be less than three candidates, excluding the Individual Political Entity.
 - c. The list must contain at least 25% women.
 - d. Component Entities should present a list of two candidates for each seat of Component seats.
2. The political entity or the coalition must not withdraw, change or amend the candidates' list after being submitted to IHEC. The submitted lists are considered final unless IHEC requests so, in order to have a list that meets the conditions of this regulation. In this case, a new list must be submitted according to the required amendments before the end of the period specified by IHEC for candidates' accreditation. The political entities must check the lists before submitting them.

Section 6

(Eligibility of Candidates)

1. A candidate must be Iraqi, fully eligible and should meet the following conditions :
 - a. Completed thirty years of age.
 - b. Must not be included in accountability and justice law.



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- c. Did not become rich in illegal ways; by using country resources or public funds.
- d. Not convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and to have good reputation.
- e. Holds secondary school certificate or equivalent.
- f. Must not be a member in the Armed Forces when nominated.
2. All candidates will be submitted to IHEC accreditation.

Section 7

(Approval of Candidates' Lists)

1. IHEC shall specify a period for receiving applications for approving PE and coalitions candidates' lists. It will not accept applications for approval before or after this period.
2. The application must be submitted according to the forms prepared by IHEC.
3. the forms include the following information:
 - a. Name of the political entity or coalition, number of accreditation, name of its authorized representative and contact details.
 - b. Name of constituency where the list will run for elections.
 - c. Full name of four parts, gender, place and date of birth, mother's name in three parts and the educational achievement for every candidate and his signature.
 - d. A commitment from every candidate according to the text specified by IHEC.
4. A candidate will lose eligibility for candidacy if he provides incorrect information, and he will bear all legal consequences.
5. If IHEC rejects a complete list, it will inform the political entity or coalition of its decision, and the name of PE or coalition will not appear on ballots.
6. If IHEC rejects any individuals' names from a certain list, it will delete their names and notify the political entity or coalition of its decision. The list of the remaining candidates, who meet the



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- conditions, will be considered a final list of the candidates' names for the political entity or coalition.
7. The number of candidates in a list must not exceed the number of seats allocated to every electoral district; otherwise IHEC will delete the exceeding numbers of candidates and notify the political entity of the deletion decision.
 8. If a candidate loses his eligibility of candidacy after the end of the candidacy period due to death or inability, IHEC will delete his name, and the rest of the list which meet the conditions will be considered as a final list for a political entity or coalition, unless IHEC required to amend the list in order to meet the conditions that are stated in the regulations and procedures.
 9. If a candidate's name was listed in more than one list or one constituency, or if the political entity contributed to that offence, IHEC should take the necessary measures against the PE or candidate, including deleting the name of the candidate.
 10. No political entity or coalition is permitted to withdraw from elections in any constituency after the end of the period specified by IHEC for candidates' certification.
 11. The political entities are considered withdrawn if they don't submit candidates' lists during the specified period.
 12. IHEC shall publish the candidates' lists in a period not less than 30 days before Polling Day.
 13. PEs and their candidates have the right to challenge IHEC decision which rejects the certification of candidate lists, before EJP.

Section 8

(IHEC Decisions)

- IHEC determines the mechanism for applying its regulations towards any PE or coalition, which may include considering the candidates ineligible or withdraw the certification from PE or coalition.



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Section 9
(Effective Date)

- This regulation shall be effective from the date of certification by the Board of Commissioners on //2009.

Board of Commissioners

