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IHEC Regulations 4 Unofficial Translation

According to the authority granted to BoC in Article Four, Paragraph (8) of IHEC Law No. 11 of 2007, and KIP Elections Law No. (1) of 1992 (Amendment), we have decide to issue the following regulation:

KIP Electoral Campaigns Regulation No. (4) of 2009

(Preamble)

IHEC was founded according to Law No. 11 of 2007, to be exclusively the only electoral authority in Iraq. It is an independent, professional and a neutral commission, with juridical personality that belongs to the government and is subjected to CoR censorship.

**Section One
(Terminology)**

The terms stated below indicate the following meanings:

1. IHEC: Independent Higher Electoral Commission.
2. BoC: Board of Commissioners.
3. KREO: Kurdistan Region Electoral Office. It is IHEC's office of Electoral Administration in Kurdistan Region.
4. KGEO: Kurdistan Government Electoral Office. IHEC's office of Electoral Administration in Kurdistan Region's governorates.
5. Candidate: All persons who are accredited for KIP elections, as per IHEC standards.
6. Electoral Campaign: legitimate persuasion and media campaigns run by a political entity, coalition or candidate to convince voters to cast ballots for them.
7. Code of Conduct: Particular principals and obligations set by IHEC, in order to organize PE participation in the electoral process.

**Section Two
(Electoral Campaign Period)**



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- 1- Political entities, coalitions and candidates accredited by IHEC are to start their electoral campaigns as of the accreditation date. They are to stop their campaigns 48 hours prior to the polling process.
- 2- Electoral campaigns of PEs, coalitions and candidates are to be free and as per existing laws and IHEC regulations.

Section Three (Electoral Campaigns Conditions)

1. Municipalities in the region's governorates in coordination with the governorate KREO and KGEO will identify the locations that will witness electoral campaigns. Materials used in the electoral campaigns are to be determined during the period that precedes Elections Day. It is forbidden to publish any ads, programs or candidates photos in PCs.
2. Political entities, coalitions and candidates must ensure that their campaigns -at all locations- comply with the conditions listed in this regulation and code of conduct signed by the head of the political entity, as part of the accreditation process.
3. It is prohibited to use buildings that are occupied by the state's divisions and ministries. Also, it is prohibited to use the state's other properties and resources, including utilizing security and military bodies in electoral campaigns.
4. Civil servants and local authority officials -at all levels- are prohibited to abuse their occupational powers, either by campaigning for themselves, or for other PEs/ candidates.
5. Political entities, coalitions and candidates are prohibited from issuing false statements about candidates or political entities. They are also forbidden from defaming candidates/ political entities participating in the electoral process.
6. Political entities, coalitions and candidates are prohibited from issuing false or incorrect statements about IHEC, in order to influence the electoral process.
7. Political entities and coalitions participating in the elections must ensure that their campaigns do not provoke national, religious, sectarian, tribal or regional feuds among citizens, whether through using mottos, photos, posters, TV and radio broadcasting or other media messages and communications, during electoral campaigns.
8. Any political entity, candidate or candidate is forbidden from offering gifts, donations or any other benefits or promises for the purpose of influencing vote.



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9. Political entities, coalitions or candidates are prohibited from practicing violence, hatred, intimidation or supporting, practicing, or using terrorism during the electoral campaigns by expressing points of view through speeches, writings, posters, the media or by any other means.
10. It is forbidden to use the public fund, ministries budgets, endowment funds, or foreign funds for electoral campaigns.
11. A commitment not to attack or interfere with any electoral campaign by other political entities, coalitions or candidates.
12. Political entities, coalitions and candidates are not allowed to use places of worship for their electoral campaigns. However, they are to be used in encouraging voters to participate in the elections and in promoting the electoral process.
13. IHEC will impose punishments on any political entity, coalition or candidate who violates this regulation, or violates PE code of conduct signed by the political entity. In addition to that, legal measures will apply punishments listed in KIP Elections Law No. (1) of 1992 (Amendment).
14. Any accredited political entity or coalition will undertake financing its electoral campaign or arrangements for support. The resources should be legitimate, and IHEC will not bear any costs.
15. Complaints regarding electoral campaigns will be submitted to N.O, KREO, or KGEO.

Section Four
(Date of Entry into Force)

This regulation is effective from the date of ratification by BoC on April 4, 2009.

Board of Commissioners