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IHEC Regulations 5 – UN Unofficial Translation

According to the authority given to BoC in article (4) of paragraph (8) of the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) Law no. (11) for the year 2007, and the amended law of Kurdistan Region Parliament Elections (KRPE) no. (1) for the year 1992, we decided issuing the following regulation:

**Observers of KRPE – Iraq  
Regulation no. 5 for the year 2009**

**Preamble**

The IHEC has been established according to law no. (11) of the year 2007 to be the only electoral authority in Iraq. The IHEC is a professional, autonomous, independent and neutral body subject to the supervision of the Council of Representatives (CoR).

**First Section  
Terminology**

The following terms have these meanings:

1. Commission: IHEC
2. KREO: Kurdistan Region Electoral Office – Iraq
3. Electoral team of observers: a group registered at IHEC in order to observe the process of Voter Register Update (VRU) and all kinds of federal, regional and local elections in order to assess and report on them.
4. Electoral observer: a person registered in the Observers team and accredited by IHEC in order to observe the process of VRU and the elections on behalf of the observers team.
5. Code of conduct: the principles and commitments, issued by IHEC, to ensure that the electoral teams of observers are working according to the applicable laws and regulations issued by IHEC.

**Second Section  
Accreditation of electoral observers**



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1. IHEC will register Iraqi and International teams to observe all stages of the elections. The registered teams, in their turn, will appoint observers to enable the team to do its work effectively.
2. IHEC will accredit teams of observers only, and not individual observers. Only those who work in a team accredited by IHEC will be allowed to observe the elections.
3. The accreditation of the teams and their observers requires signing the code of conduct and abiding by it. The electoral teams are responsible for the adherence of their observers to the code of conduct. IHEC may withdraw the registration or accreditation of a team or an observer if it breaches the code of conduct.
4. The team of observers, whose accreditation has been withdrawn, may appeal the Board of Commissioners (BoC) decision within 3 days from the day after publication. This appeal shall be submitted to the National Office (N.O.), KREO or any other IHEC electoral office in the Region.
5. IHEC shall issue procedures to organize the accreditation of the electoral teams or any of their observers or its withdrawal.

### **Third Section Conditions of Observers Work**

1. IHEC is not responsible for the communication, transportation and safety of the teams of observers or any other support.
2. Every team registered at IHEC, is solely responsible for all support arrangements and costs regarding their duties (transport, residence, safety and communications); IHEC shall not be responsible for any of these costs. Furthermore, no observer or team of observers is allowed to use IHEC resources such as equipment or vehicles.
3. The teams of observers shall inform their observers, accredited by IHEC, about IHEC regulations, procedures and the code of conduct, before they start on any of their activities.
4. Every observer shall sign his accreditation card upon receipt, and all observers must hold additional ID documents along with a signature or a photo in order to enable the staff in registration and polling centers to identify them.
5. Observers may not, under any circumstances, interfere with the electoral process or submit a complaint thereof. They may draw the attention of IHEC staff, KRPE manager, CEO or BoC.



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6. Observers will report to their managers. Then, the team may issue an official general report on these notes, and the team must be ready to submit the final report to IHEC regarding its activities, along with evidence, to support its assumptions and judgments.

**Fourth Section**  
**Date of Validity**

This regulation will enter into effect from the date of its accreditation by BoC on 14/04/2009.

**Board of Commissioners**