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## IECI REGULATION 09 / 2004

### ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN

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#### Preamble

CPA Order number 92 of 31 May 2004 established the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) to be the exclusive electoral authority in Iraq. It is an independent and autonomous, non-partisan, neutral and professional government office, with the authority to promulgate, implement, and enforce regulations, rules and procedures with the full force of law in connection with elections during the Transitional Period. It is independent of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, and is composed of the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) and the Electoral Administration.

This regulation elaborates on the legal framework already in place, and is issued by the IECI in consequence of the authorizations given in the TAL and in CPA Orders 92, 96 and 97.

#### Section 1 Terminology

- 1.1. “Commission” and “IECI” mean the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, as established by CPA Order number 92
- 1.2. “Board” means the Board of Commissioners of the IECI.
- 1.3. “Electoral Campaign” means the campaign of information and legitimate persuasion, run by a political entity or coalition to inform the public about their political aims and views, and thus to try to persuade eligible voters to vote for the entity or coalition.

## Section 2 Campaign Period

- 2.1 Certified political entities and coalitions may start their electoral campaigns on or after 15 December 2004. All electoral campaigns must end no later than 48 hours before 00.00 of the day of the election.
- 2.2 All certified political entities and coalitions have the right to run an electoral campaign within the parameters given by the law and the regulations of the IECI.

## Section 3 Conditions for electoral campaigns

- 3.1 All political entities and coalitions have a duty to ensure that their electoral campaign in any location abides by the conditions laid down in this regulation and in the Code of Conduct which was signed by the leader of the political entity as part of the political entity certification process.
- 3.2 Any political entity or coalition which contravenes this regulation or the Code of Conduct for political entities renders itself liable to penalties imposed by the IECI, as well as to any appropriate criminal prosecution.
- 3.3 Each certified political entity or coalition shall be solely responsible for all support arrangements and costs for their electoral campaign; the IECI shall not be responsible for any such costs. Furthermore, no political entity or coalition may utilize any IECI resources for their campaign.