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PART III

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 13th October, 2023

No. F 4(2)/2021-MCO-Vol-II (1).— In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 218(3) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, read with Section 233 of the Elections Act 2017, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission hereby issues the Code of Conduct for National Observers. National observers shall follow this Code of Conduct during the upcoming General Elections, local government elections and subsequent bye-elections in letter and spirit.

Code of Conduct for National Observers

Any person observing and reporting the electoral process as a member of a local group / national organization must read and understand this Code of Conduct.

1. Observer may observe election process on poll day with the express permission of the Election Commission.

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2. No person will be permitted to observe the Election process unless he/she presents accreditation card issued by authorized officer of the Election Commission of Pakistan.
3. Observers shall display their official identification badges, issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan all the time and shall present it to the election officials and other security officials when requested.
4. Observers shall respect sovereignty of Pakistan as well as fundamental rights and freedom of its people.
5. It is expected that observers shall maintain good behavior, respect local laws including exhibiting sensitivity for culture and customs of the country and shall observe the highest level of professionalism.
6. Observers shall adhere to the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and respect the authority of the Election Commission and its Election Officials.
7. Observers shall follow instructions issued by the Election Commission, State Authorities and shall maintain respectful attitude towards them.
8. Political impartiality shall be maintained by observers at all costs while observing the election process. They shall not exhibit any bias or preference with regard to local authorities, political parties and candidates as well as any issue related to the process of election.
9. Observers shall not conduct or participate in any activity which may generate an impression of favoring or opposing any political party or a candidate.
10. Observers will have the right to ask any question and to clear any query without obstructing directly or indirectly the election process.
11. Observers shall ensure that all their observations are impartial, objective and depict highest standards of accuracy.
12. Observer shall not make personal comments about his/her observation or conclusion on the election process to the media. However he/she may share his/her finding or recommendations with Election Commission of Pakistan.

13. National Observers organization shall ensure that only their nominated authorized Person shall share the findings or recommendations with the Election Commission of Pakistan.
14. In case of violation of this Code of Conduct, the Election Commission of Pakistan reserves the right to withdraw observer accreditation of an individual observer or organization. The authority to determine the violation also rests with the Election Commission of Pakistan.

By orders of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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