



Electoral Commission of Namibia

**CODE OF CONDUCT GOVERNING ACCREDITED OBSERVERS AND PERSONS APPOINTED BY ACCREDITED OBSERVERS**

1. Every accredited observer and every person appointed by an accredited observer must-
  - (a) observe any election concerned impartially and independently of any political party, organisation, association or candidate contesting the election;
  - (b) remain non-partisan, neutral and unbiased in respect of the election concerned;
  - (c) be competent and professional in observing the election concerned;
  - (d) provide the Commission with a comprehensive review of the election concerned, taking into account all relevant circumstances including -
    - (i) the degree of impartiality shown by the Commission;
    - (ii) the degree of freedom of political parties, organisations, associations or candidates to organise, move, assemble and express their views publicly;
    - (iii) the opportunity for political parties, organisations, associations or candidates to have their agents observe all aspects of the electoral process;
    - (iv) the fairness of access for political parties, organisations, associations and candidates to national media and other resources of the state;
    - (v) the proper conduct of polling and counting of votes; and
    - (vi) any other issue that concerns the essential freedom and fairness of the election concerned;
  - (e) comply with all instructions given and every obligation imposed by-
    - (i) the Commission;
    - (ii) any person in the performance of his or her duties or functions or the exercise of his or her powers under this Act;
    - (iii) any employee or officer of the Commission; or
    - (iv) any person performing security services on the instruction of any employee or officer of the Commission.
  
2. Every accredited observer and every person appointed by an accredited observer-
  - (a) must avoid doing anything that would indicate or be seen as indicating partisan support for a political party, organisation, association or candidate;
  - (b) must disclose to the Commission any relationship that could lead to a conflict of

interest regarding the performance of their duties as observers or with the process of observation or assessment of the election concerned;

- (c) may not accept any gift or favour from a political party, organisation, association, candidate or person involved in the election process;
- (d) may not participate in any function or activity that could lead to a perception of sympathy for a particular political party, organisation, association or candidate
- (e) may not express a view or opinion on any matter which is the subject of electoral campaigning;
- (f) may not influence or attempt to influence the choice of a voter regarding any political party, organisation, association or candidate in an election; and
- (g) may not wear, carry, or display any symbol or colour of any political party, organisation, association or candidate.

Name of accredited observer:

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Persons appointed by accredited observer:

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Signature of representative of accredited  
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