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The Independent High Electoral Commission

According to the authority which has been given to the Board of commissioners in the tem (4), article (8) of the Independent High Electoral Commission's law No. (11), in the year 2007 and the law of Districts, governorates, and regions' Elections No. (36) The registered; we decided issuing the following regulation:-

**(Regulation No.4)**  
**(The Electoral Campaigns)**  
No. 4, year 2008 (The registered)

**(Preamble)**

The independent High (Supreme) Electoral Commission in Iraq has been established according to the law no (11) of the year 2007 to be precisely the only electoral authority in Iraq, The commission is professional, autonomous, independent, and neutral, subjected to the supervision of the council of representatives .

**(1<sup>st</sup> Section)**  
**(Terms of IHEC)**

The following terms represented the meaning in the face of each one of them:-

1. "**Commission and IHEC**":-means The Independent High (Supreme) Electoral Commission.
2. "**The Board**" Board of Commissioners.
3. "**Electoral campaign**":- It is the Media campaign and the legislate persuasion led by Political Entity, league, or a candidate to convince the voters giving their votes to them.
4. "**Code of Conduct**":- Are the special rules of IHEC which are set to those who participated in the electoral process.

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Section)**  
**(Period of the Electoral Campaign)**

1. Coalitions, Political Entities, and candidates whom they were accredited by IHEC; got the right to start working on their electoral campaign since the date of Candidates Accreditation on one condition that it must stop before (24) hour from time of opening the polling centers.
2. Electoral Campaigns which are for all the coalitions, political Entities, and candidates whom they were accredited by IHEC; are free and within the limits of executed laws and IHEC Regulations.

**(3<sup>rd</sup> Section)**  
**(Conditions of the Electoral Campaign)**

1. With the coordination with IHEC, The Municipality of Baghdad and the relevant Municipalities in the Governorates will determine the locations in which it is prevented to practice any Electoral propaganda and pasting the Electoral advertisements for the whole period of the determined date of the Elections. It is prevented that any propaganda, programs, or Candidates photographs are published in the Polling Centers.
2. Coalitions, Political Entities, and Candidates must make sure that their Electoral propagandas are set to the conditions which have been established in this regulation and the Code of Conduct (in any location) and which are signed by the chief of the Political Entity; as part of the Accreditation process.
3. It is prohibited to use buildings occupied by the ministries, all state's institutions, their resources and other properties including their security and military centers in the Electoral Propaganda.
4. It is prohibited to use the Official state logo in the meetings, propagandas, Electoral newsletters, writings, and paintings that are used in the Electoral Process.
5. Personnel of state institutions and the local authorities despite of their variety of their degrees; are not allowed to take advantage of their employing posts to manage the electoral process for their benefit in addition to the benefit of the any candidate or a political entity.
6. It is prohibited that the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates to issue feud statements or defamation against any candidate or a political entity who participated in the Electoral process or against IHEC.



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7. It is prohibited that the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates who participated in the electoral process to embody his electoral campaign any thoughts which is calling for raising the national, religious, tribal, and regional sectarianism among citizens ; whether by logos, photographs, wall posters, television or radio broadcast or any other mass media or different communications.
8. It is prohibited that the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates to present any gift, voluntary, any other benefits, or intended to affect voting.
9. All Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates must be prevented from practicing violence, hatred, intimidation, or support or use or agitate terrorism within the electoral process by explaining their point of views, writings, speeches, posters, or mass media either audio or visual or by any other mean.
10. It is prohibited to spend money on the electoral propaganda from the public budget, ministries budget, endowment, or the broad support money.
11. The Obligation of not to abuse or expose to any electoral propaganda related to the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates.
12. It is prohibited to use propagandas, circulating work programs, publications, or cards holding the name of unregistered candidate in candidates' lists.
13. It is prohibited that any one of the state's institutions or the local authorities' staff in the day of voting to circulate work programs by himself or others.
14. It is prohibited using candidates' photos in polling stations.
15. IHEC got the right to impose penalty on any Political Entity, Coalition, and Candidate violates this regulation or the rules of the Code of Conduct which in signed by them, in addition to make the legal procedures for the application of penalties provided by the law.
16. Each accredited Political Entity, Coalition, and Candidate should bear the expenditure of its electoral campaign or the support's arrangements on the condition of having the legal resources. IHEC will not undertake any costs.
17. Special complaints related to the electoral campaign, will be produced to the national office or the IHEC governorates' offices according to the regulation no. (2) (Electoral Complaints and disputes) of the year 2008.

(4<sup>th</sup> Section)

**(Date of enforceability)**

This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its ratification by the Board of Commissioners on 25/ 11/ 2008.

Board of Commissioners

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