



**SOMALILAND NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)
CODE OF CONDUCT OF OBSERVERS**

Part One: General Restrictions and Purpose

This Code of Conduct is issued by Somaliland National Electoral Commission to regulate the conduct of Voter Registration Observers in 2015-2016, in accordance with Article 48 of Somaliland Voter Registration Regulation. This Code of Conduct applies to the activities of observer organizations and their representatives during the voter registration process.

Observer organizations and their representatives must obey this code of conduct. Violation of it will lead to removing accreditation or serious *discipline* from NEC.

Observer organizations are responsible for any violation by them or their representatives.

Part Two: Rights and Responsibilities of Observer Organizations and their Representatives

- 1) Observers must obey the Voter Registration Law, Voter Registration Regulations and this Code of Conduct or any other instructions issued by NEC.
- 2) Observers shall not obstruct, interrupt or wilfully create disorder within the voter registration centre.
- 3) Observers must carry their ID card issued by NEC in a visible place while attending any voter registration process, or letter of authorization issued by NEC.
- 4) Observers must respect any limitations of time and place imposed by NEC officials to deal with crowding by observers during the Voter Registration process.
- 5) Not wear, carry, or display any registered party's symbols or colours.
- 6) Observers must abstain from the use of language phrases that can cause hatred, or discrimination on the basis of tribe, region, class, disability or can create religious tension during the Voter Registration process.
- 7) Observers must cooperate with NEC, the Voter Registration Complaints and Conflict Committee or any other authorized stakeholders involved in the Voter Registration process.
- 8) Be competent and professional in observing the Voter Registration.
- 9) Act in a strictly neutral and unbiased manner.
- 10) Any information or complaints about intimidation or violation of the law, can be reported by observers to the organizations the observers represent.
- 11) Implementing organizations should not be part of the Voter Registration Observation.
- 12) Disclose to the Commission any relationship that could lead to conflict of interest regarding the performance of their duties as observers or with the process of observation or assessment of the Voter Registration.
- 13) Observers must respect the official and valid result of the Voter Registration.

I have read, understand and will abide the above Code of Conduct.

Signed in _____ on _____, 2015-16 by

_____ Name

_____ Signature