



CODE OF CONDUCT – MONITORS AND OBSERVERS

1. Any act prohibited on the day of polling, under Section 44 of Act Number 11/2008 (Elections (General) Act) shall not be carried out.
2. The pass issued by the Elections Commission of Maldives shall be visible, whilst acting within the area of the polling station.
3. Any queries regarding voting procedure shall be clarified with the topmost official appointed by the Elections Commission of Maldives for that Island / City, or area / place.
4. Refrain from any act that may cause inconvenience to the voters within the polling areas.
5. Refrain from any act that may cause inconvenience to the work of any person working as observers, or ballot counters of the polling process in that Island / City, or area / place.
6. Observers, Monitors and Representatives of candidates shall not enter the voting booth, and attempt to view the ticking of ballot paper.
7. Persons permitted to observe the election shall keep their actions in a manner that the work of officials in the polling area are not hampered.
8. Any act to gain or diminish support for a candidate, or diminish the rights of a candidate shall not be carried out.
9. Voters and officials acting within the polling areas shall not be interviewed.
10. Any documents used for the voting process or the ballot papers shall not be handled.
11. Any material declaring support or non-support for a candidate shall not be worn or held.
12. Refraining from efforts to influence the Officials working in election matters.





13. Instruction shall not be given to any person to carry out matters of the election in a particular way.
14. Official documents identifying the person shall be presented to a request of an official appointed by the Elections Commission of Maldives.
15. Any act obstructing the work of officials and security forces acting within the polling area shall not be carried out.
16. Any telecommunications device shall not be operated within the polling area.
17. Observers and representative of candidates shall not take photographs, and record video and audio under any circumstances. (This shall be permitted to Monitors given permit do so)
18. Persons given permit to monitor election shall not go closer than 10 feet of the voting booths, whilst taking photographs, and recording and broadcasting audio / video within the polling areas.
19. Refraining from dissemination of false / malicious information regarding the Elections.
20. Ensure the accuracy of news or report prepared by Observer and Monitors regarding the Elections.

The Head official appointed to an area has the right to void the pass given and dismiss any persons from the area, whom are not in accordance with this Code of Conduct.

