

Presidential Election Regulation 2013

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Introduction and title	1.	(a)	This Regulation is made and implemented by the Elections Commission under sub-section (c) of Section 23 of the Presidential Election Act (Law No: 12/2008) for the conducting of the Presidential Election in accordance with Article 110 of the Constitution of the Republic of Maldives.
		(b)	This Regulation shall be cited as the “Presidential Election Regulation 2013”.
Conducting and monitoring the Presidential Election	2.		All matters relating to the Presidential Election shall be organised, monitored and directed by the Elections Commission.
National Advisory Committee on Elections	3.	(a)	The Elections Commission shall establish a “National Advisory Committee on Elections” to advice and consult the Elections Commission on matters relating to the Presidential Election. This Committee may be established from the date of public notification of the Presidential Election.
		(b)	<p>The National Advisory Committee shall constitute of representatives of the below mentioned parties.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political Parties contesting candidates for the Presidential Election. 2. Private individuals contesting as independent candidates in the Presidential Election. 3. Human Rights Commission of the Maldives. 4. Maldives Police Service. 5. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO’s) selected by the Elections Commission. 6. Maldives Media Council. 7. Maldives Broadcasting Commission.
		(b)	Given that the candidates contesting in the Presidential Election will not be determined at the time of establishment of the Committee prescribed under sub-section (a) of this Section, the Commission shall provide opportunities for the parties specified in 1 and 2 of sub-section (b) of this Section to

			participate in the Committee in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
		(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Qualifying conditions for members of the National Advisory Committee: 2- A Maldivian citizen of age 18 years and above. 3- Shall not be a person serving a criminal sentence. 4- A representative of a political party contesting a candidate in the Presidential Election shall be a member of the party. 5- Representatives of the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives, Maldives Media Council and the Maldives Broadcasting Commission shall be members of the respective institutions. 6- A person representing a Non-Governmental Organisation shall be a senior member of the Organisation. 7- A person representing the Maldives Police Service shall be an officer holding the post of Assistant Commissioner or of a senior rank. 8- Shall not be a family relative of a member of the Elections Commission.
		(d)	Standards and procedures for compliance by the National Advisory Committee on Elections are prescribed in Schedule 1 (One) of this Regulation.
		(e)	Meetings of the National Advisory Committee on Elections shall be organised and directed by the Elections Commission.
		(f)	This Regulation shall not restrict the Elections Commission, where the Elections Commission wishes to do so, from including representatives from parties other than those included in the National Advisory Committee on Elections under sub-section (a) of this Section.
Election Focal Points and Committees	4.	(a)	A focal point shall be appointed to every island inhabited in the Maldives other than Male', to conduct the matters relating to the Presidential Election as directed by the Elections Commission. In addition, an Atoll Elections Committee consisting of 3 (Three) members shall be established in each Atoll, and a City Elections Committee consisting of 3

			(Three) members shall be established in every City other than in Male'. And a focal point shall be established in Addu City Hithadhoo, Maradhoo, Maradhoo Feydhoo, Feydhoo, Hulhudhoo and Meedhoo. And a focal point shall be established in each foreign country in which a ballot box is placed. Matters relating to the Elections in Male' City shall be conducted by the relevant administrative sections of the Elections Commission.
		(b)	Sub-section (a) of this Section shall not restrict the Elections Commission from placing a ballot box in any other place that the Commission deems necessary.
		(c)	Counsel of the Advisory Committee shall be sought where a complaint in relation to the integrity of a focal point appointed by the Elections Commission or Atoll/City Elections Committee member is submitted.
		(d)	The Atoll/City Elections Committee shall be responsible for conducting as directed by the Elections Commission, the day-to-day matters to be conducted in relation to the Presidential Election in the Atoll/City. Island focal points shall be responsible for the day-to-day matters to be conducted in the Islands in relation to the Presidential Election, as directed by the Atoll/City Committee.
		(e)	The Elections focal point appointed by the Elections Commission outside the Maldives shall be responsible for the day-to-day matters to be conducted in relation to the Presidential Election in polling conducted in that Country.
		(f)	The Elections Focal Points appointed under this Regulation shall sign the declaration prescribed under Schedule 2 of this Regulation when undertaking the work assigned to them.
Appointment of Focal Points and establishment of Committees	5.	(a)	Focal Points appointed by the Elections Commission shall be employees working in the administration of the Island Council or Atoll/City Council or the Administration of the Elections Commission. Notwithstanding the aforesaid in this Section, a focal point appointed to Industrial Islands and Resorts or

			to a polling country outside Maldives may be appointed in manner other than as specified herein.
		(b)	Members elected to the Atoll/City Elections Committee shall be employees working in the administration of the Elections Commission or Atoll/City Council administration.
Conditions required for Elections Focal Points and members and Committee members	6.	(a)	<p>Elections Focal Points and each member appointed to Committees shall be a person qualifying the following conditions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A person having the educational qualifications, experience and capacity to independently initiate and carry out the elections related work assigned by the Elections Commission. 2. Shall not be a person actively participating in a political party's activities or a person holding a post of any political party. 3. Shall not be a person involved in the Presidential Campaign of any Candidate. 4. Shall be a person not having close family relations with any person participating in the election as a candidate. 5. Shall not be a person serving a criminal sentence. 6. Shall be a person capable of working with honesty and integrity without impartiality to any person(s).
		(b)	The Elections Commission shall have the discretion to select focal points or Committee members on the basis of their capabilities, in accordance with the advise of the National Advisory Committee on Elections, where person(s) qualifying to the conditions prescribed under sub-section (a) of this Section are not available.
Role of Island Focal Points	7.		Islands Focal Points shall be responsible, in accordance with the directions of the Atoll/City Elections Committee, for all matters relating to the conduct of the Presidential Election in all Islands other than Male'.
Duties and Responsibilities of	8.	(a)	The Focal Point shall remain in the performance of responsibilities after

<p>Island Focal Points</p>			<p>undertaking the responsibilities and duties. The responsibilities of Island Focal Points are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise, conduct and monitor in accordance with the laws and regulations, all works required in the Island relating to the Presidential Election, in accordance with the directions of the Atoll/City Elections Committee. 2. Submitting to the Elections Commission information relating the population in the Island Residents Register, in the manner prescribed by the Commission within the prescribed period. 3. Submitting immediately in the manner prescribed by the Elections Commission the required amendments, after comparison of the list of eligible voters in the Island with the Island Registry. 4. Receiving and informing the Elections Commission of the amendments proposed to the Registry. And ensuring that the proposed amendments have been included by the Elections Commission and providing support and cooperation to the Commission and Atoll/City Elections Committee in ensuring the validity of the Registry. 5. Making arrangements to place the register in a manner publicly accessible after the eligible voters list in the Island has been prepared and sent. 6. Making arrangements with the Maldives Police Service for security measures in polling areas during the polling.
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		<p>7. Making arrangements with a health service provider to establish health services in the polling station.</p> <p>8. Issuing passes to persons authorized by the Elections Commission in manner prescribed by the Commission.</p> <p>9. Making arrangements to ensure that polling stations and ballot count stations are easily accessible for voting by voters, and safe and secure for collecting, counting and announcing the ballots and preparing the stations for polling and ballot count.</p> <p>10. Acting in accordance with the directions of the Atoll/City Elections Committee in appointing and arranging officials to work near ballot boxes and assigning work to such persons.</p> <p>11. Notifying regularly to the Atoll/City Elections Complaints Bureau after receiving complaints submitted from the Island with regard to the Election. And acting in accordance to the directions of the Atoll/City Elections Committee in relation to the complaints submitted from the Island with regard to the Election prior to the establishment of the Atoll/City Complaints bureau.</p> <p>12. Making arrangements and sending Island elections officials for training to Islands in which trainings are being conducted.</p> <p>13. Ensuring that the ballot boxes and other Elections materials are safely maintained in the Island.</p> <p>14. Sending ballot boxes and other materials to polling stations according to schedule.</p>
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			<p>and announcement of the official results of the Election, details (including bills) of all expenses incurred in the Island in relation to the election.</p> <p>22. Paying attention to organise and conduct Election matters in the island in the least costly manner, as directed by directed by the Atoll/City Elections Committee. And providing advise to the Atoll/City Elections Committee in relation to the ways in which election matters can be conducted in the Island in a less-costly manner.</p> <p>23. Organising any other matters required by the Atoll/City Election Committee to be organised in the Island in relation to the Election. And informing immediately any matters requiring attention of the Atoll/City Elections Committee to the Committee and taking measures to resolve such matters.</p>
Role of the Atoll/City Elections Committee	9.	(a)	The Atoll/City Elections Committee shall be responsible for planning and organising all matters of the Presidential Election in the Atoll/City, in accordance with the directions of the Elections Commission.
		(b)	The Atoll/City Elections Committee shall be responsible for conducting as directed by the Elections Commission, all matters required in the Atoll/City in relation to the Election, whilst acting as an intermediary for all communications for the conduct of the Presidential Election between the Elections Commission, Atoll/City Council Administration and the Island Council Administration and providing the advise and counsel required to conduct the election to the Island Focal Points.
Duties and Responsibilities of the Atoll/City	10.	(a)	The Atoll/City Elections Committee members shall remain in the performance of the responsibilities and duties after undertaking

Elections Committee		<p>the responsibilities and duties of the Atoll/City Elections Committee. The responsibilities of Atoll/City Elections Committee are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise, conduct and monitor in accordance with the laws and regulations, all works required in the Atoll/City relating to the Presidential Election, in accordance with the directions of the Elections Commission. 2. Ensuring that the Island Focal Points Submit to the Elections Commission information relating the population in the Atoll/City Residents Register, in the manner prescribed by the Commission. 3. Preparing the documents required be publishing and making public under the laws, and making arrangements through the Island Focal Points to place in a manner publicly accessible in the Islands of the Atolls, the documents prepared and sent by the Elections Commission. 4. Monitoring and ensuring that the Island Focal Points receive and inform the Elections Commission of the amendments proposed to the Registry, and ensuring that the proposed amendments have been included by the Elections Commission and monitoring and ensuring whether the Focal Points are providing support and cooperation to the Commission in verifying the validity of the Registry. 5. Making arrangements to ensure that polling stations and ballot count stations are easily accessible for voting by voters, and safe and secure for collecting, counting and announcing the ballots and preparing the stations for carrying out the said functions. 6. Acting in accordance with the
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		<p>directions of the Atoll/City Elections Committee in appointing and arranging officials to work near ballot boxes and assigning work to such persons and conducting and monitoring such work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Conducting Atoll/City training programs as directed by the Elections Commission and sending trainers to conduct the training programs to the islands in which training is being carried out, and making all arrangements (including accommodation, food and all similar sorts) for the trainers when they arrive on the training islands. 8. Deciding on a place to conduct training and making all arrangements to execute the programme. 9. Constituting and establishing a Complaints Bureau consisting of 03 (Three) members in accordance with the directions of the Elections Commission, in Islands in which Atoll/City Elections Committees have been established. 10. Providing the assistance required by the Focal Points in the conduct of day-to-day matters relating to polling and ballot count in the Islands of Atoll/City, and administering and monitoring their work. 11. Making arrangements and sending Island elections officials for training and to get trained to the designated Islands. 12. Making arrangements for food and accommodation for the days spent by officials in Islands for training and to get trained. 13. Making arrangements to maintain safety in the Island, the ballot boxes
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		<p>and safety equipment to be used in the Election, and ensuring their safe maintenance.</p> <p>14. Sending safely the materials used for polling to the designated Islands, within the scheduled time period.</p> <p>15. Ensuring that arrangements have been made with the Maldives Police Service for security measures in polling areas during the polling.</p> <p>16. Providing assistance to establish health services and emergency treatment services in Polling stations.</p> <p>17. Ensuring that passes have been issued by the Focal Points to persons authorized by the Elections Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission.</p> <p>18. Providing assistance to make food and accommodation arrangements for international observers visiting the Islands under the supervision of the Elections Commission.</p> <p>19. Providing assistance in urgent matters required by persons involved in polling matters on the polling day.</p> <p>20. Sending the polling materials to the place designated by the Elections Commission, upon completion of the polling.</p> <p>21. Maintaining in accordance with Law No:3/2006 (Maldives Monetary Act) and the “Monetary Regulation”, records of the election related expenses and financial transactions and documents incurred in the Atoll/City and submitting the required information in accordance with the enacted Monetary Regulations, to the Elections</p>
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		<p>Commission within the prescribed time period.</p> <p>22. Submitting to the Elections Commission, within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of completion of the election and announcement of the official results of the Election, details (including bills) of all expenses incurred in the Atoll/City in relation to the election, and upon completion of the election sending all materials required to be sent to the Election Commission in relation to the Election, no later than 15(Fifteen) days from the date of announcement of the official results of the Election.</p> <p>23. In the event of a second round of the Election being required, sending the details of the expenses of the first round, latest within 15 days to the Elections Commission.</p> <p>24. Paying attention to organise and conduct Election matters in the Atoll/City in the least costly manner, as directed by directed by the Atoll/City Elections Committee, and providing advise to Elections Commission in relation to the ways in which election matters can be conducted in the Island in a less-costly manner.</p> <p>25. Until a complaints bureau is established, accepting complaints made in relation to the Atoll/City Elections and taking measures if possible in relation to such complaints, and resolving matters as directed by the Elections Commission where such measures cannot be resolved by the Atoll/City Elections Committee, and submitting the complaints report as directed by the Elections Commission.</p> <p>26. Sending at the soonest possible, the</p>
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			<p>materials required to be sent by the Focal Points through the Atoll/City Elections Committee to the Elections Commission.</p> <p>27. Checking and ensuring that the arrangements to transmit the preliminary results to the main elections station have been made.</p> <p>28. Ensuring that the preliminary results have been transmitted to the main elections station.</p> <p>29. Organising any other matters required by the Elections Commission to be arranged in the Atoll/City in relation to the Election, and informing immediately any matters requiring attention of the Elections Commission to the Commission.</p>
Term of Elections Focal Points	11.		Unless otherwise specified in this Regulation, the Elections Focal Points appointed under this Regulation other than permanent employees of the Elections Commission, shall remain in their posts from the date of appointment to the post by the Elections Commission until the date specified by the Elections Commission as the date on which the work of the Focal Point is completed.
Eligible Voters Registry	12.		The Elections Commission shall create and maintain an eligible voters registry for the purpose of polling during the Presidential Election as prescribed under the Law No: 11/2008 (General Act on Elections).
Submitting complaints in relation to the eligible voters registry	13.		Person(s) wishing to submit complaints in relation to information included or omitted from the eligible voters registry, or in relation to an amendment required to be included or omitted from the registry to validate the registry, may submit complaints to the Focal Points or to the Elections Commission, in accordance with the specification in Section 10 of Law No: 11/2008 (General Act on Elections). The Complaint shall be submitted through the form prescribed under Schedule 3 (Three) of this Regulation. Arrangements

			shall be made to provide this form in the Elections Commission Website, from Island Focal Points and through Atoll/City Elections Committees.
Submitting complaints in relation to the Register to Elections Commission	14.		The person(s) receiving the complaints shall submit complaints submitted to the Focal Points in relation to the eligible voters registry on the same day to the Elections Commission.
Amending the Gazetted Register	15.	(a)	<p>Any amendments other than those notified in writing to the Elections Commission within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of the Register in the Government Gazette, shall not be made.</p> <p>Amendments submitted in writing in this manner shall be incorporated into the Register as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A person shall be included in the list following a complaint made in relation to a name being omitted from the list, if the complaint made includes an original or copy of a document evidencing that the person is a Maldivian National of Age 18(Eighteen) years on the date of Polling (This document shall include the National Identity Card Number of the person requesting to be included in the list). 2. A person shall be omitted from the list where the complaint to omit a person included in the list is made along with an original or copy of an official document evidencing that the person shall be omitted from the eligible voters registry. 3. Information included in the list shall only be amended where the complaint to amend information on the list is made along with an original or copy of an official document evidencing the validity of the requested amendment.

			<p>Amending the eligible voters registry gazetted for the Presidential Election other than in the manner prescribed herein is prohibited.</p> <p>In omitting a deceased person's name from the eligible voters registry, a valid document shall be regarded as the death form, residents registry and any other official document issued by a Government Authority evidencing the person requested for omission is a deceased person.</p>
		(b)	<p>Elections Commission shall archive and maintain information relating to the complaints made regarding the eligible voters register, identifying the type of complaint and the measures taken with regard to the complaint.</p>
		(c)	<p>Elections Commission shall publicise to the public the final list of eligible voters in the Presidential Election in accordance with sub-section (a) of Section 9 of law No:11/2008 (General Act on Elections). And persons whose names are included in the final list publicised by the Elections Commission shall be the persons eligible for voting in the Presidential Election. Notwithstanding the above, where the name is included in this list, but omitted from the list in the polling station due to an administrative error of the Elections Commission, the Commission shall make arrangements for the person(s) to vote in the Election.</p>
Public issuing and using of the eligible voters registry	16.	(a)	<p>A copy of the eligible voters registry publicised in the Government Gazette shall be issued to candidates contesting in the Presidential election and Political Parties desiring to have the list, in accordance with directions of the Elections Commission.</p>
		(b)	<p>The eligible voters registry or information in the registry shall be used only for purposes relating to the Election. It shall be prohibited for any person to use this information for business purposes or to gain monetary benefit.</p>

Registering to vote in an Island other than the resident Island	17.	(a)	A person eligible for voting in accordance with Section 12 of Law No” 11/2008 (General Act on Elections), not residing in the Island registered as the permanent address of the person on the day of voting, and residing in another inhabited Island of the Maldives or Resort or industrial Islands or in any other Country designated for polling, if such person(s) desires to vote in the Presidential Election, such person(s) shall register the place the person will be residing in on the day of polling in accordance with sub-section (c) of this Section.
		(b)	A ballot box shall be placed outside the Maldives for the Presidential Election, only in places where a diplomatic office is based and where a minimum of 100 (Hundred) persons have registered for voting in that place. A ballot box shall only be placed in Maldivian Resorts and industrial islands where a minimum of 50 (Fifty) persons has registered for voting in that place.
		(c)	Persons residing in Islands or places other than their resident addresses, desiring to register for voting shall submit their information to the Commission or a place designated by the Commission using the form prescribed under Schedule 4 (Four) of this Regulation in accordance with the directions publicly announced by the Commission within the period prescribed by the Commission. A copy of an unexpired official document identifying the person, suitable to be used for voting by the person requesting for registration shall be submitted along with this form. And the person making the submission of the form shall submit an original copy of an unexpired official document identifying that person. The form shall be received only if the person submitting takes responsibility for the form. Forms submitted to the Administration of the Elections Commission without a mediating person via email or facsimile shall not be accepted.
		(d)	In accordance with sub-section (a) of this Section a person residing in a place other than the registered residence of that person, where the residing place is a place in which a ballot

			box is to be placed by the Elections Commission, the person's name shall be registered for voting in that place, following an application for registration in that place being made within the time period prescribed by the Commission. And the Elections Commission shall make arrangements for that person to vote in that place on the polling day. Notwithstanding the aforesaid in this Section, the Elections Commission shall have the discretion not to place a ballot box in places where the number of persons registered for voting is less than the amount specified in Section 17(b) of this Regulation. The Elections Commission shall publicly announce the procedure to be followed by persons who have made submissions for registration in the event of such circumstances.
		(e)	A person having notified and registered in a place other than the place of registered residence with the Elections Commission in accordance with sub-section (c) of this Section shall not be able to vote on the day of polling in a place other than the place registered with the Elections Commission
		(f)	The registry of persons who voted in the Presidential Election shall not be issued to any person other than under a court order.
Registering for the second round of the Presidential Election	18.	(a)	Persons desiring to vote in a ballot box other than the ballot box registered for voting in the first round, and persons voting for the first time on turning 18 (Eighteen) years of age and making submission for voting in a place other than the place of registered residence shall register for voting in the second round of the Presidential Election.
		(b)	Registration in accordance with sub-section (a) of this Section shall be made in accordance with the directions publicly announced by the Elections Commission.
Announcement for applying to Presidential Candidacy	19.	(a)	The Elections Commission shall make a public announcement in accordance with Section 5(a) of Law No: 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) declaring the commencement of the process for interested persons to apply for presidential candidacy.
		(b)	The public announcement made by the Elections Commission under sub-section (a) of this Section shall include the information and

			materials prescribed under Law No: 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) and Law No: 11/2008 (General Act on Elections).
Applying for the Presidential Election	20.	(a)	The public announcement made under sub-section (a) of this Section shall provide a minimum period of 10 (Ten) days for interested candidates to apply to the Elections Commission for the Presidential Election using the application form prescribed under Schedule 5 (Five).
		(b)	The public announcement declaring the commencement of the application process for presidential candidacy shall include the materials required for submission with the application form. In approving the logo or symbol included with the submission, for use in campaigning for support in the election, priority shall be given to the first person making the application where more than one person has submitted the same logo. Candidates contesting on behalf of a party may use the party logo with the party's permission. Any person other than the political party shall not use a political party's logo or a logo similar to a logo of a political party.
Announcing the names of Presidential Candidates	21.		The full name and address of Presidential Candidates and their Vice-Candidates shall be publicly announced in accordance with Section 10 of Law No: 12/2008 (Presidential Election Act) and shall be placed in the Elections Commission Office and in all the inhabited Islands in a manner easily accessible to the public.
Withdrawing Name	22.		A Presidential candidate desiring to withdraw his/her name shall have the discretion to withdraw the name prior to the drawing, ordering and announcement of candidate names.
Submitting and returning deposit money	23.	(a)	The deposit money of Rufiyaa 40,000/- (Forty Thousand) required under Section 9 (b) of Law No: 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) shall be paid in cash.
		(b)	The Elections Commission shall make arrangements to refund to the candidate the deposit money prescribed under sub-section (a) of this Section, where a person withdraws his/her name from candidacy prior to the announcement of the name of Presidential candidates, within a maximum of 05 (Five)

			days from the date of submission for withdrawal of name.
		(c)	The deposit amount of 40,000/- (Forty Thousand) Rufiyaa paid to contest in the Election shall not be returned to a person scoring 10% (Ten Percent) or lesser number of votes.
Ordering the names of Presidential Candidates	24.	(a)	The Elections Commission shall make an announcement and inform the candidates, the place, date and time for the drawing of lots amongst qualified candidates, between those persons qualified on application for presidential candidacy.
		(b)	The draw prescribed under sub-section (a) of this Section shall be held in the presence of candidates who have applied for Presidential Candidacy or in front of representatives appointed by those candidates.
		(c)	A candidate appointing a representative in accordance with sub-section (b) of this Section shall send that person to the place in which the draw is to be held, with a letter of appointment along with an unexpired Maldivian Identity Card of that person. The letter shall have the full name, address and Maldivian national identity card number of that person.
		(d)	A person designated by the Elections Commission shall participate in the draw on behalf of a candidate, where the candidate or an appointed representative of the candidate fails to attend the draw held to order the names of the candidates.
Safety and Security of Candidates	25.		The Elections Commission shall monitor and ensure the provision of safety and security services at the expense of the state on an equivalent basis in accordance with Section 11 of Law No: 12/2008 (The Presidential Act) to Presidential Candidates and their Vice-Candidates.
Campaigning period for the Presidential Election.	26.		A minimum of 30 (Thirty) days shall be given for campaigning to candidates, between the date of polling and the date of announcement of names of qualifying candidates from the persons applying for candidacy in accordance with Section 10 of Law No: 12/200 (The Presidential Election Act).
Right to campaign for support	27.	(a)	Candidates contesting in the Presidential Election shall have the right to campaign for

			gaining support for themselves in accordance with Section 28 of Law No: 11/2008 (General Act on Elections).
		(b)	<p>In campaigning to gain support for candidates in accordance with sub-section (a) of this Section the following acts may be undertaken.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting and speaking with people to gain support. 2. Holding peaceful gatherings. 3. Using News Media 4. Writing letters to people for the purpose of gaining support, distributing and displaying in public places, photos, stickers, write-ups and the like. 5. Using and displaying symbols and items portraying symbols. 6. Advertising and using billboards, posters and the like. 7. Staging Shows. 8. Organising Rallies Vehicle Parades. 9. Using Internet and Social Media.
Code of conduct for candidates and persons campaigning to gain support for candidates	28.	(a)	<p>All persons working to gain support in the Presidential Election shall adhere to the code of conduct prescribed herein.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not making propositions to any person of the nature that belonging to a particular region of Maldives, or speaking a particular dialect, or due to their faith in a particular sect of Islam or the basis of their gender differences to be regarded as a reason to vote or to abstain from exercising their right to vote.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A meeting held to obtain support for a party or a candidate shall not be held in a mosque or in the mosque grounds or in a place providing health services or in the ground area of a place providing health services. 3. A speech of any kind shall not be given on different religious occasions, religious preaching and sermons to gain or diminish support for a particular candidate or party. 4. No efforts shall be made through lessons used in teaching institutions, colleges and universities to gain or diminish support for a particular candidate or party. 5. State office buildings and compounds other than teaching institutions and social centres shall not be used for campaigning. The compound area and halls of teaching institutions shall be used after obtaining permission from those places. Permission to use such places for campaign purposes shall be given on an equivalent basis between all persons requesting for its use, in a manner not likely to disrupt the services being rendered in the place. 6. No candidate or person(s) supporting a candidate shall do an act to cause interference with a gathering being held to gain support for another candidate. 7. No candidate or person(s) supporting a candidate shall remove, damage or destroy a poster, logo or a symbol representing a candidate, placed by another candidate or the party representing the candidate or person(s) supporting the candidate for the purposes of gaining support.
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			<p>or made.</p> <p>15. Speech contradicting a tenet of Islam and acts causing disrespect to Islam shall not be done in efforts to gain support for a candidate. And allegations not possible of being proved, of the nature that any candidate or the party to which a candidate belongs to is a non-religious party or a traitor shall not be perpetrated.</p> <p>16. Any act contradicting the Maldivian Laws and Regulations shall not be committed in obtaining support for a candidate.</p>
		(b)	<p>No person shall commit any act likely to diminish an electoral right of any candidate in any effort to support a candidate or to refrain from supporting a candidate. Committing of the following acts shall be taken as diminishing an electoral right of a candidate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interfering with the personal life and personal matters of another candidate in a speech given by a candidate to gain support for a candidate or in any other way. 2. Speaking based on unsubstantial allegations or in a manner so as to misrepresent an incident that has occurred, in relation to a candidate or with regard to the political party to which a candidate belongs. 3. Attempting to create anger and hatred amongst people. 4. Interference by another candidate or supporters of another candidate to shows, rallies and vehicle rounds conducted by a candidate to gain support or held to gain support for a candidate.

Representatives appointed to voting stations by candidates	29.	(a)	One representative may be appointed to each polling station by every candidate to monitor the polling and ballot count on the polling day.
		(b)	The opportunity to appoint a representative as prescribed under sub-section (a) shall be given to candidates requesting for it within the time period specified in the announcement made by the Elections Commission for the purpose. The Application for this shall be made using the form prescribed under Schedule 6 (Six) of this Regulation.
		(c)	The representatives appointed to the polling stations by candidates shall have the following qualifications. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shall be a Maldivian of age 18 (eighteen) years. 2. Shall not be a person serving a criminal sentence. 3. Shall not be a person assigned responsibility by the Elections Commission to conduct matters relating to the Presidential Election. 4. Shall not be a judge, or a member/head of an independent institution. 5. Shall not be a member of the Maldivian Defence Force or Police Services. 6. Shall not be a person detained under suspicion for a crime.
		(d)	Persons working, as representatives of candidates shall sign the declaration prescribed under Schedule 7 (Seven) of this Regulation. And shall maintain their conduct in accordance with the code of conduct of representatives.
Observing of the Election by Maldivian parties	30.	(a)	Permission to work as election observers shall be issued to Maldivian parties who apply and meet the conditions required, following the announcement made in accordance with

			Section 40 (a) of the General Laws on Elections made by the Elections Commission to make applications requesting for it. This application shall be made using the form prescribed under Schedule 8 (Eight) of this Regulation.
		(b)	<p>Maldivian Persons applying to be observers of the Presidential Election shall meet the following conditions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shall be a Maldivian of 18 (Eighteen) years of age. 2. Shall not be a person serving a criminal sentence. <p>A person whose name is not listed in any political party, where the person is applying from a civil society other than a political party or as an independent person.</p> <p>Shall not be a person assigned responsibility from the Elections Commission in relation to the Presidential Election.</p>
		(c)	Persons working, as observers shall sign the declaration prescribed under Schedule 7 (Seven) of this Regulation. And shall act in accordance with the code of conduct of observers.
		(d)	Observer passes issued to political parties and organisations shall be used in the manner prescribed by the Elections Commission.
		(e)	Observer passes issued to political parties and organisations shall be issued in a manner such that passes issued to a political party, organisation shall not exceed beyond 10 (Ten) percent of the number of ballot boxes placed for polling in the Presidential Election.
		(f)	A second observer representing a political party or an organisation shall not enter a polling area, where an observer representing the political party or organisation is already present in the area.
Observing of the Presidential	31.	(a)	An international party may observe the election by invitation of the Election or on

Election by International parties			<p>meeting the conditions prescribed below, following application made subject to an announcement made by the Elections Commission. Such persons shall make application requesting for this using the application form prescribed under Schedule 9 (Nine) of this Regulation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shall be a person of 18 (eighteen) years of age. 2. Shall be a person accredited by the international organisation the person is representing. 3. Shall not be a person campaigning to gain support for any political party or candidate.
Monitoring	32.	(a)	<p>Following the announcement of the Elections Commission to apply for monitoring, the persons making application and qualifying the conditions set herein, , shall be the persons entitled to monitoring the polling and ballot count of the Presidential Election. Maldivians applying for this shall use the application form prescribed under Schedule 10 (Ten) of this Regulation. International parties making application shall use the form prescribed under Schedule 9 (Nine) of this Regulation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shall be a person of age 18 (Eighteen) years. 2. Shall not be a person serving a criminal sentence. 3. (a) Shall be a person certain to the Elections Commission as a person working in a TV/Radio station registered with the Maldives Broadcasting Commission or (b) Shall be a person certain to the Elections Commission as a person working for a newspaper registered under Law No: 47/78 (Publications

			Act) (c) Shall be a person certain to the Elections Commission as a person working for an International media. 4. Shall not be a person responsible on behalf of the Elections Commission to conduct matters relating to the Presidential Election.
		(b)	Persons involved in monitoring of the Election matters shall act in accordance with Section 41 of Law No: 11/2008 (General Act on Elections) and this Regulation.
		(c)	Persons working, as monitors in the Election shall sign the declaration prescribed under Schedule 7 (Seven) of this Regulation. And shall act in accordance with the code of conduct of the monitors.
		(d)	The monitor passes issued to the publications offices shall be released to the monitors in the manner directed by the Elections Commission.
		(e)	Passes shall be issued to registered publication offices , in a manner such that the passes issued to each party does not exceed the number ballot boxes placed for polling.
Code of conduct for representatives of candidates, observers and monitors	33.	(a)	All persons involved in monitoring and observing the matters relating to the conduct of the Presidential Election shall adhere to the code of conduct prescribed under Schedule 11 (Eleven) of this Regulation.
		(b)	Observers, monitors and representatives of candidates may note information required by them during polling and ballot count in a manner that will not hinder the process.
		(c)	Head official of the polling station shall disclose on request by the observers, monitors or representatives of candidates the number of persons who have voted at the station at any given time and the number of ballot papers remaining at the station.
		(d)	Observers, monitors and representatives of candidates shall provide full support and assistance in election related matters to the officials appointed by the Elections Commission. And shall make no efforts to influence any such person(s).

		(e)	A person monitoring the polling at the polling station, or a candidate or a representative of a candidate, or an observer or monitor shall not assist a physically incapacitated person to place a mark on the ballot paper.
Observers, monitors and representatives of candidates to the regulation	34.		Head official of the polling station shall have the discretion to withhold the pass issued to an observer, monitor or a representative of a candidate and to order the person to leave the area where the observer, monitor or a representative of a candidate has acted in breach of Law No 11/2008 (General Act on Elections) and Law No: 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) or is suspected of doing such an act. Where such orders are issued and the person fails to comply, the persons maintain security shall take the pass from the person and remove the person from the area.
Making preparations required for polling	35.	(a)	The person designated by the Elections Commission shall make arrangements to deliver all materials required for polling, in the care of polling station officials, to the polling station before the time on which the polling is set to begin.
		(b)	All polling stations shall have a list of eligible voters registered for voting in that station. The full name, sex, atoll, island, address, date of birth, and Maldivian identity card number of all persons shall be available on the list.
Determining the areas to place ballot boxes	36.		The Elections Commission shall determine the number of ballot boxes to be placed in an Island and the locations in which the ballot boxes shall be placed, based on the number of eligible voters registered for voting in the Island and determine the persons who will be voting in the area from the list of eligible voters registered and the Elections Commission shall make a public announcement to that effect.
Polling Booth	37.	(a)	Every polling station shall have at least 1 (One) polling booth for placing a mark on the ballot paper. The polling booth shall be designed in manner such that the mark placed by the person voting shall not be visible to any other person.
		(b)	The polling booth shall be placed in a place easily visible to the polling station officials and observers. And in a manner such that the

			behaviour of the person placing the mark (prohibited acts such as taking photos of the ballot paper) shall be easily visible or noticeable to the officials.
Responsibilities of persons monitoring the polling and ballot count.	38.	(a)	The responsibilities of the persons monitoring the polling and ballot count shall be fulfilled in accordance with, the polling station officials' handbook, approved by the Elections Commission.
		(b)	The persons responsible for monitoring the polling and ballot count shall sign the declaration prescribed under Schedule 2 (Two) of this Regulation in order to undertake the responsibilities.
Duties and responsibilities of the head official appointed to polling stations	39.	(a)	<p>The responsibilities assigned to the head official appointed to the polling station by the Elections Commission or a person designated by the Elections Commission shall be prudently fulfilled. Prescribed below are the duties and responsibilities of the of the head official appointed to the polling station.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receiving the ballot boxes and materials and important documents used for polling in polling stations during the Presidential Election, maintaining the materials safely and being responsible for the material. 2. Making necessary arrangements and plans and ensuring that the preparations required in polling stations prior to the polling is completed. 3. Meeting the persons who will be working in the polling stations prior to the day of polling, and clarifying the manner in which the polling shall be conducted and assigning individual tasks to persons. 4. Opening the envelope containing the ballot papers 15 (Fifteen) minutes prior to the polling, counting the ballot papers and determining the number of ballot papers.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Prior to the start of polling, opening the ballot box and verifying to the first 02 (Two) people appearing at the polling station, and if present at the polling station the representatives of candidates, permitted observers and monitors that the ballot box is empty and closing the lid of the box tightly and putting pull tight seals on 4 (four) sides. 6. Providing the opportunity in accordance with the laws and regulations for persons permitted by the Elections Commission to enter into the polling station. 7. In the event that a person is required to be sent to the polling station from the Elections Commission, facilitating the entry of the person sent from the Elections Commission into the polling station (permission for such a person to enter into the polling station shall be given only after confirming that the person has been permitted by the Elections Commission). 8. Ensuring that the polling in polling stations is conducted in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations. 9. Amongst the persons appearing for polling, confirming the physical incapacity of persons claiming to be physically incapacitated, and permitting the use of an assistant for such person(s). 10. Receiving complaints on the day of polling in polling stations made by persons appearing for polling, observers, and monitors and taking immediate measures where practicable. Reporting complaints that cannot be handled immediately, to the Island Focal Point or Atoll/City Elections Complaints Bureau.
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			<p>an act being committed in breach of regulation in the polling station area.</p> <p>20. Providing the information prescribed in the Laws and Regulations to representatives of candidates, observers and monitors on their request.</p> <p>21. Writing the report on the events that occurred in each polling area from the start of polling till the polling closed and signing the report by the head in charge of the area (Ballot Box in charge) and the person preparing the report and the person checking the report, and submitting the report to the main polling station located in Male’.</p> <p>22. Undertaking any actions required in addition to those prescribed above, for the purpose of polling, ballot count and announcement of preliminary results, taking such actions in accordance with the counsel of the Elections Commission or a person designated by the Elections Commission.</p>
Assisting physically incapacitated persons to place the mark	40.	(a)	To ensure that the person assisting a person physically incapacitated to place a mark on the ballot paper is assisting only one person, the name, address and Maldivian Identity Card Number of that person shall be noted by the persons monitoring the polling.
		(b)	<p>The following persons shall be regarded as being physically incapacitated to place a mark on the ballot paper and provided assistance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blind persons or persons unable to place on the ballot paper due to poor eye sight. 2. Persons with both hands disabled. 3. Persons incapable of placing a mark on the ballot paper due to old age and

			<p>weakness.</p> <p>4. Persons incapable of placing a mark on the ballot paper due to health conditions.</p>
		(c)	<p>A person capable of placing a mark on the ballot paper shall not be regarded as a person physically incapacitated to place a mark on the ballot paper by the head of the polling station, and shall not be given the opportunity to use an assistant to place a mark on the ballot paper.</p>
		(d)	<p>A person registered to vote in the same polling station only shall be able to assist a person prescribed as physically incapacitated under subsection (a) of this Section to place a mark on the ballot paper.</p>
		(e)	<p>A person monitoring the polling at the polling station, a candidate, a representative of a candidate, and observer or a monitor shall not assist a person incapacitated in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section to place a mark on the ballot paper.</p>
Submitting an official document clarifying identity	41.		<p>An official identity of the person appearing for voting (Identity card or passport or photo and licence stating the identity card number) shall be submitted. All documents submitted in this manner shall be unexpired documents. A person appearing to vote shall be permitted to vote only after ensuring that the photo on the identity document brought by the person and the face of the person are of the same resemblance.</p>
Invalid and valid votes	42.	(a)	<p>All votes cast in the following manner are invalid.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any vote placed on a paper other than the ballot paper designated by the Elections Commission. 2. Votes not placed in alignment to the name of any candidate. 3. Marks placed against more than one candidate's name.

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Marks that is not clear as to the person for whom the mark is placed. 5. Votes evident as being casted unlawfully. 6. Votes that do not have the tick mark placed on it.
		(b)	<p>Valid votes shall be considered as votes placed in the following manner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Votes placing the tick mark against the name of one candidate. 2. Votes that can be determined as a tick mark placed against the name of one candidate. 3. Notwithstanding scribbling on the ballot paper, a vote that has a tick mark placed against the name of one candidate. 4. Notwithstanding the direction of the mark being displaced or the shape of the mark being altered or changed, the mark placed against the name of one candidate being capable of being deduced as a tick mark. 5. Notwithstanding the mark being placed outside the box designated for the mark, but the mark being placed against the name of one candidate or on the logo of one candidate.
		(c)	<p>The head of the polling station shall decide on the validity or invalidity of a vote where a dispute as to validity or invalidity of a vote arises amongst persons counting the ballot.</p>
Announcing the preliminary results	43.	(a)	<p>After the results of the poll is announced at polling stations and the results are transmitted to the polling station in Male', the Elections Commission shall announce the preliminary results based on the results of the</p>

			polling stations.
		(b)	The announcement of the results in accordance with sub-section (a) of this Section shall be done after confirming the results sent by the polling stations are the results announced in those stations.
Announcing the official results	44.		The Elections Commission shall publicly announce and publish in the Government Gazette the official result of the Election, within a maximum of 07 (Seven) days starting from the date of polling of the Presidential Election.
Report of the official election auditor	45.	(a)	The official election auditor of each presidential candidate shall audit all financial transactions conducted in relation to the finance of the election of every presidential candidate in accordance with Section 9 (a) (2) of Law No: 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) and submit the report within a maximum of 60 (Sixty) days from the date of election, through the official election agent of the candidate to the Elections Commission. The Elections Commission shall publish the reports submitted in this manner on the Elections Commission website and establish a mechanism for the reports to be publicly accessible.
		(b)	The auditor appointed by a presidential candidate, shall be an auditor authorised by the Auditor General.
Second round of the Presidential Election	46.		The Elections Commission shall make all arrangements for the conduct of the second round of the Presidential Election in accordance with Section 19 of Law No 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) within a maximum of 21 (Twenty one) days from the date of the first round of the election, where no candidate contesting in the Presidential Election obtains over 50% (Fifty Percent) of the valid votes of the persons voting in the Presidential Election.
Opening the Security bags	47.	(a)	The Elections Commission may open an re-count the ballot papers of voters sealed in special security bags under the following circumstances. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the Commission identifies any problems in the preparation of the preliminary results sent from the

			<p>polling station.</p> <p>2. For the purpose of investigating, where the Election Commission is of the opinion that the complaint submitted by any person in relation to the result of the polling station has enough evidence to necessitate an investigation.</p> <p>3. A court order issued against the Elections Commission to open the sealed special security bags containing the ballot papers.</p> <p>4. The occurrence of any other circumstance than those prescribed herein, in which the Elections Commission is of the opinion that the validity of the votes is likely to be questioned.</p>
Procedure to be followed in opening the sealed security bags containing the ballot papers	48.	(a)	The special sealed security bags containing the ballot papers of the persons who have voted, shall be opened in the presence of the candidates contesting in the Presidential Election or in the presence of their representatives by persons appointed by the Elections Commission. Persons appointed in this manner shall not commit any act likely to diminish a right of any candidate. And shall not disclose any information gained during the process of the ballot count to any person other than the Elections Commission. Notwithstanding the above, disclosure on requirement to a court of law is exempted from this provision.
		(b)	Where the security bags are to be opened in a circumstance specified under sub-section (a), the candidates contesting in the Presidential Election shall be informed 03 (Three) hours prior to the opening of the security bags through email, or sms or by a written letter or fax message, the place and time designated for the opening of the security bags.
		(c)	Permission shall be granted to the Presidential Candidates or representatives of the candidates to enter into the place designated

			for the opening of security bags in the circumstance prescribed under sub-section (a) of this Section.
		(d)	<p>A report detailing the process of opening and re-counting the ballot papers sealed in the special sealed security bags including all the information prescribed below shall be written, and signed by the most senior person in charge of the task, the person who wrote the report and the person who checked the report and submitted to the Elections Commission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of the polling station. 2. Date and time on which the security bag was opened. 3. Starting and ending time of the count of the ballot papers in the security bag. 4. Time on which the security bag was re-sealed. 5. Names, addresses and Maldivian identity card number of persons appointed to open the security bags. 6. Name, address and identity card number of any candidate or representative of a candidate present to supervise the opening of the security bag. 7. Number of valid ballot papers in the security bag. 8. Number of invalid ballot papers. 9. Number of votes received by each candidate.
		(e)	The Elections Commission shall issue a copy of the report prepared under subsection (c) of this Section, where any candidate or political

			party contesting in the election requests for the report.
		(f)	No person shall commit any act likely to interfere with the work being done by any person opening the security bag and recounting the ballot papers. And any person other than the persons in charge of the process shall not touch any documents or materials used in this process.
Re-sealing the security bag	49.		On completion of the process of opening the special sealed security bag containing the ballot papers of the persons who had voted, re-sealing the ballot papers in the special security bags designated for the purpose.
Code of conduct of persons conducting matters of the Presidential Election	50.	(a)	<p>Permanent and temporary employees of the Elections Commission Administration, members of the of the Committees and Bureaus appointed to conduct the matters of the Presidential Election, Focal Points, Officials appointed by the Commission to work at the polling stations and any other persons assigned the works of the Presidential Election, shall comply to the Code of Conduct prescribed below, in undertaking the work assigned to them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfilling the work assigned to the person I accordance with, the Constitution of the Republic of Maldives, Law No: 11/2008 (General Act on Elections), Law NO: 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act), the Regulations enacted under these Laws and the standards prescribed by the Elections Commission for the conduct of the Election. 2. Not doing any act likely to diminish any right vested by virtue of the Laws, in the voters, candidates, representatives of the candidate, observers monitors and political parties. 3. Fulfilling the work assigned for the Presidential Election by the Elections Commission, with honesty and

			<p>integrity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Not complying with the influence of any person in the work of the Election. 5. In doing the work relating to the Presidential Election, refraining from favouring a particular candidate or a person(s) supporting or not supporting a particular candidate. 6. The person(s) working in the matters relating to the Presidential Election being neutral persons (not in favour of any particular side) from the time of undertaking of the work. 7. Making efforts and working towards ensuring that the Election is independent from influence, free, fair and transparent.
Establishing Elections Complaints Bureaus	51.	(a)	On announcement of the commencement of the process for applying for presidential candidacy, a National Elections Complaints Bureau consisting of 05 (Five) members shall be established. And an Atoll/ City Elections Complaints Bureau consisting of 03 (Three) members shall be established in every City and Atoll other than in Male, 10(Ten) days prior to the Election day. On establishment of the complaint bureaus, the place of establishment of the bureaus, contact numbers, fax numbers, email addresses, and open hours shall be publicly announced.
		(b)	A minimum of 03 (Three) members of the 05 (Five) members in the National Elections Complaint Bureau shall be educated in the field of Sharia'/ Law or shall be persons having worked and gained experience in the field. The Elections Commission shall have the discretion to establish the Bureau including persons other than those educated in the field of Sharia'/Law where the required number of persons educated in the field are unavailable.
		(c)	The Atoll/City Elections Committee shall appoint the 03 (Three) members in the Atoll/City Elections Complaint Bureau, in

			accordance with the advise of the Elections Commission. One member in the Atoll/City Elections Complaint Bureau members in the National Elections Complaint Bureau shall be educated in the field of Sharia'/ Law or shall be a person having worked and gained experience in the field. The Elections Commission shall have the discretion to establish the Bureau including persons other than those educated in the field of Sharia'/Law where the required number of persons educated in the field are unavailable.
		(d)	Prior to the establishment of the Atoll/City Elections Complaints Bureau, the Atoll/City Elections Committee shall be responsible for receiving complaints submitted in Atolls or Cities relating to the Presidential Election, and taking measures practicable. Where a complaint requiring to be sent to the Elections Commission is submitted, the Atoll/City Elections Committee shall be responsible for submitting the complaint to the Elections Commission.
Island Focal Points receiving complaints	52.	(a)	Where a complaint relating to the Election is submitted to the Island Focal Point, necessary steps with regard to the complaint shall be made on a day-to-day basis. Where the Island Focal Point is unable to resolve the issue, the advise of the Atoll/City Elections Complaint Bureau may be obtained, if the Atoll/City Elections Complaint Bureau has been established. Prior to that the advise of the Atoll/City Elections Committee may be obtained.
		(b)	Where a complaint is submitted to the Atoll/City Elections Committee prior to the establishment of the Atoll/City Elections Complaints Bureau, the complaint shall be dealt with in the manner directed by the National Elections Complaints Bureau. And on establishment of the Atoll/City Elections Complaints Bureau, in the manner directed by that Bureau.
		(c)	Election related complaints in the Male' City shall be submitted directly to the National Elections Complaints Bureau. Complaints submitted prior to the establishment of the Elections Complaints Bureau, shall be submitted to the Administration of the

			Elections Commission.
Term of Complaints Bureaus	53.	(a)	The National Elections Complaint Bureau shall remain from the date of its establishment up to a period of 14 (Fourteen) days following the date on which the official election results are announced. Where a second round of the Election is required, the National Elections Complaint Bureau shall remain from the date of its establishment up to a period of 14 (Fourteen) days following the date on which the official election results of the second round are announced.
		(b)	Work of the Atoll/City Elections Complaints Bureau will start 10 (Ten) days prior to the Election day and last until a period of 07 (Seven) days following the completion of the Election. And where a second round of the Elections is required, the Atoll/City Elections Complaint Bureau will last over a period of 07 (Seven) days following the completion of election and announcement of official results.
		(c)	The Elections Commission may extend the term of the Bureau to complete a work where a work relating to a complaint submitted is incomplete.
Chief of the Ballot Box	54.	(a)	The Chief of the Ballot box at every polling station shall be responsible for receiving the complaints arising in polling stations and undertaking the responsibility of the complaints officer.
		(b)	The complaints officer shall be responsible for investigating and resolving the complaints submitted to the Polling Station. Assistance of the Island Focal Point or the Election Commission Administration shall be sought where the officer is unable to resolve a complaint.
		(c)	Complaints may be submitted to the Atoll/City Complaints Bureau where the person is dissatisfied by the decision of the Chief of the ballot box or complaints officer in relation to the problems arising at the polling station. Complaints shall be submitted to the National Complaints Bureau if in Male'.
Submitting Complaints	55.	(a)	Complaints in relation to the Presidential Election shall be submitted to the Island Focal Points, Atoll/City Elections Committee, Atoll/City Elections Complaints Bureau, National Elections Complaints Bureau and the

			Elections Commission. As such, complaints submitted in the Islands shall generally be submitted to the Island Focal Point. Resorts and Industrial Islands shall submit to the Atoll Complaints Bureau of that Island. Complaints from Male', Prisons, and from countries outside the Maldives in which ballot boxes have been placed shall be submitted to the National Elections Complaints Bureau.
		(b)	Prior to the establishment of the complaints bureaus, the complaints shall be submitted in the Islands to the Island Focal Points and Atoll/City Elections Committee. In Male' the complaints shall be submitted to the Elections Commission.
		(c)	Complaints in relation to the Island Focal Points shall be submitted to the Atoll Complaints bureau if the bureau has been established. Complaints in relation to the Atoll/City Complaints Bureau and Atoll/City Elections Committee shall be submitted to the Elections Commission.
		(d)	Where a complaint in relation to an act done by any person in breach of Law No: 11/2008 (General Act on Elections) and Law No: 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) and Regulations enacted under these laws is being submitted to the Elections Commission, details of the complaint, including evidence, shall be submitted within 05 (Five) days starting from the date on which the election was held. Complaints submitted to the Island Focal Points, Atoll/City Complaints Bureau, and National Complaints Bureau shall be regarded as complaints submitted to the Elections Commission. When submitting the complaint, the name, address and Maldivian national identity card number of the person submitting shall be included. Complaint shall be submitted using the form prescribed under Schedule 12 (Twelve) of this Regulation. Where a political party or organisation or institution is submitting a complaint the seal and signature of responsible person shall be included in the form.
		(e)	Arrangement shall be made to inform, the manner in which the complaint submitted is to be dealt with, to the person submitting the complaint within 02 (Two) days from the date

			of submission of the complaint in accordance with this Section.
Investigating complaints and problems	56.		The complaints and problems submitted to the Island Focal Points, Atoll/City Elections Committee, Complaints officers at the polling stations, Chief's of Ballot Boxes, Atoll/City Complaints Bureau and the National Complaints Bureau shall be investigated and immediate measures taken in relation to complaints requiring immediate solutions.
Archiving information relating to the complaints	57.	(a)	<p>Information relating to the complaints submitted in relation to the Presidential Election to the Island Focal Points, Atoll/City Elections Committee, Complaints officers at the polling stations, Chief's of Ballot Boxes, Atoll/City Complaints Bureau and the National Complaints Bureaus shall be archived and maintained on a daily basis. In archiving the complaints in this manner, the following information shall be included.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full name, permanent address, current address and national identity card number of the person submitting the complaint. 2. Information of the person at which the complaint is directed (Name, address, and if known the Maldivian identity card number). 3. Nature of complaint submitted (A brief summary of the complaint). 4. Actions taken or the manner in which the complaint was resolved.
		(b)	Complaints submitted to the Island Focal Point, Atoll/City Elections Committee and the Complaints Bureau shall be investigated, and necessary practicable actions taken and the complaint report shall be prepared on a daily basis and submitted as per the directions of the Elections Commission.
		(c)	A report prepared on the complaints submitted to the complaints bureaus, including the information prescribed under subsection (a) of this Section, shall be submitted by the National Complaints Bureau to the Elections Commission.
Preparing the Report on the	58.		The Elections Commission shall prepare the report on the Presidential Election within 90

Election			(Ninety) days of the Election being held.
Occurrence of a circumstance prescribed under the Law and Regulation	59.		The Elections Commission shall determine the manner in which the matter shall be dealt with, where a circumstance prescribed under the General Act on Elections and the Presidential Election Act and Regulations prescribed under these Acts occurs.
Implementing the Regulation	60.		This Regulation shall be implemented on the date this Regulation is Gazetted. And the Regulation enacted on 13 th September 2013 by the Elections Commission, cited as the “Presidential Election Regulation 2008”, shall be overruled on the date this Regulation is Gazetted.
Definitions	61.		<p>“Election” shall mean the Presidential Election to be held under section 2 of Law No. 12/2008 (Presidential Elections Act).</p> <p>“Advisory Committee” shall mean the committee established by the Elections Commission under this regulation to advise and consult on matters of the presidential election.</p> <p>“Polling Station” shall mean any location in which a ballot box has been placed for voting in the election. Polling and ballot count shall take place at this location.</p> <p>“Poll Booth” shall be the area designated place a mark on the ballot paper.</p> <p>“Observers” shall mean any persons permitted by the Elections Commission as prescribed by Law No. 11/2008 (General Act on Elections) and this regulation, to observe the Presidential Election.</p> <p>“Monitors” shall mean any media personnel permitted by the Elections Commission as prescribed by Law No. 11/2008 (General Act on Elections) and this regulation, to monitor the polling areas, polling stations, and other election matters on the date of the Presidential Election.</p> <p>“Party” or “Political Party” shall mean any political party registered at the elections commission under the laws and regulations</p>

		<p>governing the operation and management of political parties in Maldives.</p> <p>“Persons responsible for monitoring the polling” shall mean any employee of or persons appointed by the Elections Commission for monitoring all the matters relating to polling and ballot count at the polling stations.</p> <p>“Family members” shall mean the mother, father, child, spouse, sibling or half sibling of a person.</p> <p>“Official document clarifying identity” shall mean any unexpired document with a photograph from; the Maldivian Identity Card, Maldivian Passport, and Government issued driving licence.</p> <p>“Complaints officer” shall mean the Chief of the ballot box.</p> <p>“Focal Point” shall mean persons appointed by the Elections Commission to perform administrative work related to the election, and any other work assigned by the Elections Commission in that island.</p> <p>“Atoll/ City Elections Committee” shall mean the committee of 3 (three) members appointed by the Elections Commission to perform administrative work related to the election, and any other work assigned by the Elections Commission in that island.</p> <p>“Complaints Bureau” shall mean the units established to receive complaints on matters of the election.</p> <p>Public holidays shall be included when calculating days regarding matters of election stated in this regulation.</p> <p>Unless the context in which a word or phrase is used expressly states otherwise, words importing the singular shall include plural, and words imposing the plural shall include the singular.</p>
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Number of Sections and Schedules	62.		This regulation contains 62 sections and 12 schedules.
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Schedule 1

Presidential Elections 2013 Standards and procedures for compliance by the National Advisory Committee on Elections

1. Members of the National Advisory Committee on Elections shall act in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Maldives, Laws on Elections, the regulations enacted under these Laws, and the standards prescribed by the Elections Commission for the conduct of the Presidential Election.
2. Members of the Committee shall act in a manner that will not diminish the rights of, voters, candidates, candidates' representatives, observers, monitors and of political parties, prescribed under the Law.
3. Persons working as members of the National Advisory Committee on Elections shall not commit any act likely to incur undue benefit to any person(s).
4. Providing full cooperation and support to the chair during meetings of the Advisory Committee, in addition to working towards maintaining the trust of citizens for the Elections Commission.
5. Emphasis shall be placed to conduct matters relating to the Presidential Election fairly in a manner not likely to restrict a fundamental right and freedom of expression of any person.
6. In fulfilling the responsibilities of a member of the National Advisory Committee on Elections, one shall not abuse their position for personal benefit.
7. Providing support to the Elections Commission to maintain the National Harmony, in one's capacity as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Elections.

Schedule 2

Presidential Elections 2013

Declaration of, members of complaints bureaus, Atoll/City Elections Committee members, Island Focal points, polling station officials and employees

I, _____ (Name) _____ as _____ (Designation) _____, hereby agree to undertake the work assigned by the Elections Commission in accordance with the laws and Regulations with honesty, integrity, and with due attention to the work and to comply with the directions of the Elections Commission and to safe guard state assets and materials and to complete any work assigned in due time, and to maintain the confidentiality of the Elections Commission, and agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct of persons involved in matters of the Presidential Election. Furthermore, I declare and agree that I am not actively involved in supporting or not-supporting any political party or candidate and that I do not have any family ties (Mother, father, Child, Spouse, Siblings or half Sibling of) with any candidate, and in signing this declaration I am fully aware of the duties and responsibilities thrust upon me.

I.D. Card Number:	Name:
Address:	Position/designation:
Date:	Signature:

Schedule 3

Presidential Elections 2013
Form to file complaints regarding registry of eligible voters

Information of person filing complaint

Full Name: _____ Permanent Address (Including Atoll & Island): _____
 Mother's Name: _____ Current Address (Including Atoll & Island): _____
 Contact Number: _____ I.D. Card Number: _____

Reason for complaint

Incorrect name in the Eligible Voter's Registry
 Incorrect address in the Eligible Voter's Registry
 Incorrect information regarding ballot box in the Eligible Voter's Registry
 Incorrect I.D. card number in the Eligible Voter's Registry
 Name not included in the Eligible Voter's Registry
 To omit Name from Eligible Voter's Registry
 Reference number of person to be omitted from the list: _____
 Other (Please Specify): _____

Signature of complaint submitter: _____ Date: _____

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Action taken regarding complaint: Checked I.D. card database and updated E.I.S
 Valid complaint Requested for original copies of official paperwork
 Invalid complaint Other Details: _____

	Name	I.D. Card Number	Signature	Date
Complaint received				
Complaint investigated				
Complaint checked				
Database updated				

Note: Official paperwork to validate complaint must be submitted with this form

Schedule 4

Presidential Elections 2013
Form for requesting registration to vote in an island other than the registered island

Information of person wanting to be registered

Full Name (As on I.D. Card): _____

Permanent Address (Including Island & Atoll): _____

I.D. Card Number: _____ Contact Number: _____

Father/Mother's Name and Address (Including Island & Atoll): _____

Place/Island residing on the date of first round of Presidential Election (07 September 2013): _____

Place/Island residing on the date of possible second round of Presidential Election (28 September 2013): _____

(Including newly eligible voters, 18 years of age) Signature: _____

Information on witnesses (Complete this section if being submitted via another person)

1.	Full Name:	2.	Full Name:
	Permanent Address (Including Island & Atoll):		Permanent Address (Including Island & Atoll):
	I.D. Card Number:		I.D. Card Number:
	Contact Number:		Contact Number:
	Signature:		Signature:

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Name of person submitting form:		I.D. Card Number of person submitting form:		
Date of submission:		Signature:		
Action Taken:	<input type="checkbox"/> Database updated	<input type="checkbox"/> Database not updated	<input type="checkbox"/> Verified	
Reason for database not being updated, if not:				
Updated by;	Name:	I.D Card number:	Signature:	Date:
Checked by;	Name:	I.D. Card number:	Signature:	Date:

Note: All information in required by this for shall be completed. Persons registered under this form, shall only be able to vote in island registered. The person submitting this form shall submit a copy of an unexpired official document identifying the person, suitable to be used for voting by the person requesting for registration, along with the form. And the person submitting for registration shall submit a copy of an unexpired official document identifying the person, suitable to be used for voting by the person requesting for registration, along with the form. The form shall be received only if person submitting takes responsibility for the form. Forms submitted directly to the Elections Commission via email or facsimile shall not be accepted.

Schedule 5

Presidential Elections 2013
Application form for presidential candidacy

Colour passport
size photo

Information of person applying presidential candidacy

1.	Full Name (As on I.D. Card):		
2.	Permanent Address (As on I.D. Card):		
3.	Current Address; Name of address:		Floor: Apartment:
			Ward:
	Road:		Atoll/City:
	Island:		
4.	Date of Birth:	5.	Maldivian Identity Card number:
6.	Previous name if a change of name has been made:		
7.	Previous permanent address if change of address has been made:		
8.	Previous state employment if any, held within past 5 years, including place of employment and position held:		
9.	Official correspondence address to receive any official documents and notification from Elections Commission:		
10.	Email address to receive any official documents and notifications from Elections Commission if requiring to receive via email		
11.	Contact number:		
12.	Representing political party, if contesting on behalf of a political party:		
13.	State if applying as an independent candidate:		

Information of proposed person for the post of Vice-President

1.	Full Name (As on I.D. Card):		
2.	Permanent Address (As on I.D. Card):		
3.	Current Address; Name of address:		Floor: Apartment:
			Ward:
	Road:		Atoll/City:
	Island:		
4.	Date of Birth:	5.	Maldivian Identity Card number:
6.	Previous name if a change of name has been made:		

7.	Previous permanent address if change of address has been made:
8.	Previous state employment if any, held within past 5 years, including place of employment and position held:
9.	Representing political party, if contesting on behalf of a political party:

Information of official election agent

1.	Full Name (As on I.D. Card):	
2.	Permanent Address (As on I.D. Card):	
3.	Current Address; Name of address:	Floor: Apartment:
		Ward:
	Road:	Atoll/City:
	Island:	
4.	Date of Birth:	5. Maldivian Identity Card number:
6.	Previous name if a change of name has been made:	
7.	Previous permanent address if change of address has been made:	

Information of official election auditor

1.	Full Name (As on I.D. Card):	
2.	Permanent Address (As on I.D. Card):	
3.	Current Address; Name of address:	Floor: Apartment:
		Ward:
	Road:	Atoll/City:
	Island:	
4.	Date of Birth:	5. Maldivian Identity Card number:

Declaration of person applying for presidential candidacy

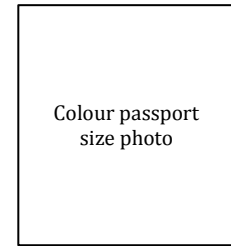
I hereby propose my name to contest for the Office of the President in the forthcoming election to be held on Saturday the 7th of September 2013. I, _____, declare that the information on this form and all subsequent documents submitted along with this form are valid information and documents.

For Official Use of the Elections Commission

Form received by;	Form checked by;
Name:	Name:
I.D. Card Number:	I.D. Card Number:
Signature:	Signature:
Date and Time:	Date and Time:

- Form shall be submitted to the office of the Elections Commission (Port Complex, 5th Floor, Hilaalee Magu, Male')
- All materials prescribed in the announcement by the Elections Commission under Section 5 (a) of law number 12/2008 (The Presidential Election Act) shall be submitted with this form.
- A checklist of information and materials required for submission shall be included with this form

Presidential Elections 2013
Application form for Representative of Candidate



Information of person applying for representative

1.	Full Name:	2.	I.D. Card Number:
3.	Permanent Address (Including Atoll & Island):		
4.	Current Address (Including Atoll & Island):		
5.	Age:	6.	Contact number:
7.	Political party of which person is member of, if included in the political party registry:		
8.	Name of candidate to be represented:		
9.	Address of candidate to be represented:		
10.	I.D. Card number of candidate:	11.	Candidate number:
12.	Signature of candidate or appointed power of attorney of candidate:		
13.	Signature of person applying for representative of candidate:		

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Employee who received form;	Employee who checked form;
Name:	Name:
I.D. Card Number:	I.D. Card Number:
Signature:	Signature:
Date and Time:	Date and Time:
Decision taken:	

Schedule 7

Presidential Election 2013
Declaration of Observer/ Monitor/ Representative of candidate/Candidate

I, wish to partake in the Presidential Election of Maldives as an Observer/Monitor/Representative of candidate/Candidate and hereby agree and declare to respect the Constitution of Maldives, Law Number 11/2008 (General Act on Elections) and Law Number 12/2008 (Presidential Elections Act), and abide by all regulations pertaining to the said laws, and agree to follow the procedures and the Code of Conduct issued by the Elections Commission for this election.

Signature:

I.D. Card number:

Date:

Presidential Election 2013
Observer/ Monitor Declaration

I, wish to partake in the Presidential Election of Maldives as an Observer/Monitor and hereby agree to respect the Constitution of Maldives, Act Number 11/2008 (General Elections Act) and Act Number 12/2008 (Presidential Elections Act), and abide by all regulations pertaining to the said laws, and agree to follow the procedures and the Code of Conduct issued by the Elections Commission of Maldives for the Presidential Election.

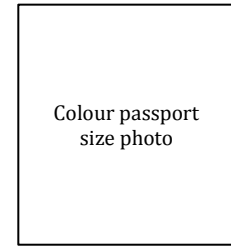
Date:

Passport number:

Signature:

Schedule 8

Presidential Elections 2013
Application form for Observers



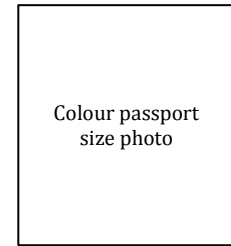
Information of person applying for observer

1.	Full Name:	2.	I.D. Card Number:		
3.	Permanent Address:	4.	Current Address:		
5.	Age:	6.	Contact number:		
7.	Status of observation (Tick <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate) (Persons applying as independent observers need not fill parts 8 -11 of this form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Political party	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisation	
8.	Address of Political Party/Organisation:				
9.	Contact number of Political Party/Organisation:				
10.	Seal of Political Party/Organisation:				
11.	Political Party person is member of, if included political party registry:				
12.	Signature of person applying Observer:			Date:	

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Employee who received form;	Employee who checked form;
Name:	Name:
I.D. Card Number:	I.D. Card Number:
Signature:	Signature:
Date and Time:	Date and Time:
Decision taken:	

Presidential Elections 2013
Application form for Observers and Monitors



<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor (Media Personnel)	<input type="checkbox"/> Observer	Tick as Appropriate:
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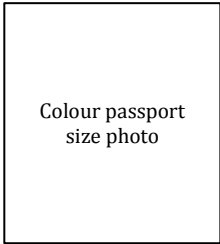
Passport Number:	Full Name:
Nationality:	Age:
Address:	
Address in Maldives:	
Contact Number:	
Representing Organisation:	
Address:	
Contact Number:	
Date:	Signature:

Submit the following documents with the application form:
 Passport copy
 Proof of accreditation by the representing organisation

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Employee who checked form; Name:	Employee who received form; Name:
I.D. Card Number:	I.D. Card Number:
Signature:	Signature:
Date and Time:	Date and Time:
Decision taken:	

Presidential Elections 2013
Application form for Monitors



Information of person applying for monitor

1.	Full Name:	2.	I.D. Card Number:
3.	Permanent Address:	4.	Current Address:
5.	Age:	6.	Contact number:
7.	Address of the office of Newspaper, Publication or Media:		
8.	Contact number of the office of Newspaper, Publication or Media:		
9.	Seal of the office of Newspaper, Publication or Media:		
10.	Signature of person applying for monitor:		
11.	Date:		

For Official Use of the Elections Commission

Employee who received form;	Employee who checked form;
Name:	Name:
I.D. Card Number:	I.D. Card Number:
Signature:	Signature:
Date and Time:	Date and Time:
Decision taken:	

Schedule 11

Presidential Elections 2013 Code of Conduct for Candidates, Representative of candidates, Observers and Monitors

1. Any act prohibited on the day of polling, under Section 44 of Law Number 11/2008 (General Act on Elections) shall not be carried out.
2. The pass issued by the Elections Commission 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 for that island, or area, or place.
4. Refrain from any act that may inconvenience voters within the polling areas.
5. Refrain from any act that may inconvenience the work of any persons working as observers, or ballot counters of the polling process in that island, or area.
6. Observers, Monitors and Representatives of candidates shall not enter the voting booth, and shall not 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 election of a candidate shall not be carried out
9. Voters and official acting within the polling areas shall no 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.
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 Representatives of candidates shall not take photographs, and record video and audio under any circumstances. (This shall be permitted to Monitors given permits do so)
18. Persons given permits to monitor election shall not go closer than 10 feet to voting booths, whilst taking photographs, and recording and broadcasting audio and video within the polling areas.

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

Schedule 12

Presidential Elections 2013
Form to file complaints regarding Presidential Elections

Information of person filing complaint

Full Name:	Permanent Address:
Current Address:	I.D. Card number:
Contact Number:	Email:

If complaint is being filed by a party or an organisation

Name of Party or Organisation:	Status:
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Information of complaint being filed

Atoll/City incident took place:
Number and area of ballot box of issue:
Details of place of incidence:
Details of complaint being filed:

*If wanting to include any additional information, use an additional page.

Evidence

Evidence submitted in writing:

Persons proposed as witnesses

1.	Full Name:	2.	Full Name:
	Permanent Address (Including Island & Atoll):		Permanent Address (Including Island & Atoll):
	Current Address:		Current Address:
	I.D. Card Number:		I.D. Card Number:
	Contact Number:		Contact Number:
	Signature:		Signature:

Declaration

Information stated above is the true information. And I have completed this form without force from any persons.

Signature of person filing complaint:

Date:

Details of issue (For Official Use of the Elections Commission)

Number of Documents:	Entry number:
Place complaint was filed:	

	Name	I.D. Card Number	Signature	Date
Complaint received and database updated by:				
Received at Complaints Bureau by:				

If Complaint is being filed before the establishment of the complaints bureaus, submit form to the island Focal Point or the Atoll/City Elections Committee. And if in Male' submit to the office of the Elections Commission. After the establishment of the complaint bureaus, forms shall be submitted to the island focal point, or to the Atoll/City Complaints Bureau, or to the National Complaints Bureaus.