



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Joint Electoral Management Body

JEMB

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTORAL OBSERVERS POLITICAL PARTY AND
CANDIDATE AGENTS**

The standards described in this Code are intended to guide the activities of Electoral Observers (“Observers”) Political Party and Candidate Agents (“Agents”) throughout the electoral process. All Observers and Agents must obey these standards and implement them with common sense and good faith. The Election Complaints Commission can sanction any violations of this Code of Conduct. Observers and Agents shall:

1. Comply with all valid laws of Afghanistan, and obey legitimate instructions from the JEMB and its Secretariat and electoral Commissions and their staff;
2. Treat voters, candidates, members of the press or media, electoral officers and all other participants in the electoral process in a respectful manner;
3. Refrain from wearing any partisan symbols, colors, or banners, or indicate to voters support for any political party or candidate while serving as Observers or Agents;
4. Respect the secrecy of the ballot and the privacy of any personal or otherwise confidential information that they obtain while serving as Observers and Agents;
5. Cooperate fully and assist in the official investigation of electoral complaints; and
6. If they are Observers, not interfere with or obstruct the electoral process in any way.
7. If they are Agents, not interfere with or obstruct the electoral process in any way, except by filing a challenge or objection as permitted under the Electoral Law or JEMB Regulations.

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

Signed in _____ on _____, 2005 by

Name

Signature