

NO. 49/STAE/VIII/09

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CANDIDATES IN ELECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS

The present code seeks to set rules of conduct to be observed by candidates in elections for Community Leaders.

Under Article 8 (c) of Act no. 5/2006 of 28 December, the NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION approves the following, to prevail as code:

CODE OF CONDUCT

During the entire electoral process, candidates to Community Leaders and their representatives and supports must comply with the following rules of conduct:

1. Accept and comply in full with the Constitution, the laws, the regulations and other provisions of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste;
2. Accept the legitimate outcomes of the election or appeal before the relevant Court, according to the electoral laws;
3. Participate in the electoral process in a peaceful, democratic and transparent manner;
4. Conduct the electoral campaign in a positive manner, through its action programs;
5. Carry out electoral propaganda according to the electoral laws and regulations;
6. Contribute to inform voters as to their candidatures in a clear and conscious manner;
7. Contribute to enable voters to vote freely, without any type of illegitimate influence;
8. Respect the rights of the other candidates, allowing the free socialization of ideas in a pluralistic and free atmosphere;
9. Respect the freedom of the press and of the media;
10. Do not prevent, by any means, other candidates and their supporters from carrying out the electoral campaign and propaganda activities to which they are entitled.
11. Do not prevent any voter from participating in any electoral campaign activity conducted by other candidates or their supporters;
12. Cooperate with the authorities responsible for the electoral process, particularly the STAE, the CNE and the Court of Appeal, as well as electoral officers, candidature

verifiers, national and international electoral observers, media professionals, security forces and further candidates and supporters;

13. Respect the secret nature of voting;
14. Do not unduly hamper the work of all those who have tasks to do in terms of the electoral process;
15. During the campaign, use language that contributes towards a peaceful atmosphere, refraining from libelling, making threats, inciting violence or making personal or gender remarks in relation to any person or group of persons, namely other candidates and their supporters;
16. Respect private property, refraining from putting up posters, writing or painting electoral propaganda without the authorization from the respective owners, and respect public property;
17. Do not carry out electoral propaganda at religious places such as churches, mosques, temples or other places of worship;
18. Do not make unduly use of State goods and civil servants for purposes of electoral campaign and propaganda;
19. Do not use public offices as campaign instruments;
20. Respect the duties of neutrality and impartiality that apply in general to civil servants and in particular to electoral administration personnel, or to persons collaborating with it;
21. Respect the dates of the electoral calendar;
22. Vow to solve disputes between candidatures resulting from the electoral campaign in a peaceful manner, using dialogue.
23. Vow to denounce any behaviour that might endanger compliance with the principles and rules listed in the present code.
24. It is expressly forbidden to tie candidatures to political parties, as indicated in article 24.1 (b) of Act no. 3/2009 of 08 July. It is expressly forbidden to use materials listed in article 3 of the Regulation on Electoral Campaigns tying the candidate to a Political Party.
25. Ensure that their representatives, supporters and candidature verifiers are aware of this code, as well as comply with it and enforce it.

The present regulation enters into force on the day after its publication in the Journal of the Republic.

Code of Conduct proposed by the STAE.

Done in Dili, on 11 August 2009.

Tomás do Rosário Cabral

Director

Code of Conduct for Candidates

Approved in Dili on 13 August 2009

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| 6 | Silvestre Xavier Sufa | |
| 7 | Lucas de Sousa | |
| 8 | Teresinha Maria Noronha Cardoso | |
| 9 | Tomé Xavier Jerónimo | |
| 10 | Deolindo dos Santos | |
| 11 | Vicente F. Brites | |
| 12 | Sérgio de Jesus F. da C. Hornai | |
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