

Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

State Administration Ministry

Technical Secretariat for the Electoral Administration

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND PARTISAN COALITIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF DEPUTIES TO THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

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The present code is aimed at the establishment of principles and codes of conduct to be observed by the Political Parties and Partisan Coalitions with regards to the Election of Deputies to the National Parliament of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

The NATIONAL ELECTION COMMITTEE approves, under Article 8 subparagraph c) of Law no. 5/2006, of December 28, together with the Article 65 of Law no. 6/2006, of December 22, the following to be valid as a code of conduct:

CODE OF CONDUCT

During the length of the whole electoral process, candidates of the Political Parties and Partisan Coalitions to the Election of Deputies to the National Parliament, their representatives, party members and supporters must abide by the following code of conduct:

1. Meticulously acknowledge and abide by the Constitution, Laws, regulations and other statutes of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste;
2. Acknowledge the legitimate results of the elections or challenge them at the appropriate Court, according to the provisions of the electoral law;
3. Participate in the electoral process in a peaceful, democratic and transparent manner;
4. Drive the electoral campaign in a positive and propositive manner by means of their action programs and political proposals;
5. Perform their electoral propaganda within the provisions and limits established by the electoral laws and regulations;
6. Contribute to the conscious and enlightened instruction of voting citizens about their Government proposals and programs;
7. Contribute to the process so that the citizens do vote in a free manner, without exerting any kind of illegitimate influence upon them;
8. Respect the rights of other Political Parties and Partisan Coalitions, allowing the free dissemination of political ideas in a pluralist and free environment;
9. Respect freedom of press and social communication medias;

10. Do not prevent, by any means, other Political Parties and Partisan Coalitions and their supporters from performing electoral campaigns and the activities of the electoral campaign they are eligible to;
11. Do not prevent the right all voters have to engage in any activity carried out by other Political Parties, Partisan Coalitions and their supporters during the electoral campaign;
12. Cooperate with all authorities bearing responsibilities to the electoral process, specially STAE, CNE and the Court of Appeals, as well as electoral officials, electoral agents, local and international electoral observers and social communication agency professionals, as well as cooperating with other Political Parties, Partisan Coalitions, their respective supporters and the security forces;
13. Respect the secrecy aspect of the vote;
14. Do not improperly interrupt the labor of all of those who hold positions in the electoral process;
15. During the campaign, make use of language that contributes to a peaceful environment by not slandering, threatening, inciting violence or directing personal criticism over any person or group of people, namely other Political Parties, Partisan Coalitions and their supporters;
16. Respect private property by refraining from putting up signs, writing or painting electoral propaganda with no authorization from the respective owners, as well as respecting public property;
17. Do not perform electoral propaganda at religious places such as churches, mosques, temples or other places of worship;
18. Refrain from improper usage of the State and public staff for electoral campaign and propaganda purposes;
19. Do not use public office as campaign instruments;
20. Respect neutrality and impartiality duties all public staff in general and more specifically all electoral administration staff, or anyone collaborating with it, are subject to;
21. Respect dates posted to the electoral calendar;
22. Commit to the solution of disputes related to the electoral campaign between Political Parties and Partisan Coalitions by means of dialogue and in a peaceful manner;
23. All Political Parties, Partisan Coalitions and their respective representatives commit themselves to report any behavior that jeopardize the observance of the principles and rules set forth in this code of conduct.
24. Political Parties, Partisan Coalitions and their respective representatives, commit themselves to abide by this code and have their electoral agents, supporters and party members also abide by this code;

25. Political Parties, Partisan Coalitions and their respective representatives commit themselves to reprimand their members, supporters and sympathizers in case of violation of the principles set forth in this code of conduct.

Code of conduct for Political Parties and Partisan Coalitions for the Election of Deputies to the National Parliament of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste proposed by STAE.

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Approved in Dili on May 23, 2007
by the National Election Committee

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6	Silvestre Xavier Sufa	
7	Lucas de Souza	
8	Teresinha Maria Noronha Cardoso	
9	Tome Xavier Jerónimo	
10	Deolindo dos Santos	
11	Vicente Fernandes e Brito	
12	Sérgio de Jesus Fernandes da Costa Hornai	
13	Pe. Martinho Germano da Silva Gusmão	
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