

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2023

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS AND MONITORS TO OBSERVE/ MONITOR THE ELECTORAL PROCESS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF THE MALDIVES

1. All the observers and monitors should follow Sections 40 and 41 of the Constitution Act Number 11/2008 Elections (General) Act.
2. On the day of Voting any action prohibited under the Section 44 of the Constitution Act Number 11/2008 Elections (General) Act should not be carried out.
3. The pass issued by the Elections Commission should be visible at all times while observing/monitoring the area of the polling station.
4. Any queries regarding the voting procedure are to be clarified only with the topmost official appointed by the Elections Commission for that island, area, or place.
5. Refrain from any act that may cause inconvenience to voters within the polling stations.
6. Refrain from any act that may disrupt the work of any persons working as observers, monitors, representatives of candidates, or officials of the polling process in that island, or area.
7. Observers, monitors, and representatives of candidates should not enter the voting booth and are prohibited from attempting to view the ticking of the ballot paper.
8. Persons permitted to observe and monitor the election should keep their actions in a manner that the work of officials in the polling station are not hampered.
9. Any act to gain or diminish support for a candidate, or diminish the rights of the election of a candidate are prohibited to be carried out.
10. Voters and officials acting within the polling stations are not allowed to be interviewed.

11. Any documents used for the voting process or the ballot papers are not to be handled.
12. Any material declaring support or non-support for a candidate should not be worn or held.
13. Refraining from efforts to influence the officials working in election matters.
14. No instructions are to be given to any person to carry out matters of the election in a particular way.
15. Official documents identifying the person should be presented at the request of an official appointed by the Elections Commission.
16. No act of obstructing the work of officials and security forces within the polling area.
17. Any telecommunication devices are forbidden to be used within the polling stations.
18. Observers should not take photographs, and record video and audio under any circumstances. However, this is allowed to the monitors accredited by the Elections Commission to do so.
19. Persons given permits to monitor polling stations are not allowed to go closer than 10 feet to the voting booth, whilst taking photographs, and recording and broadcasting audio and video within the polling stations.
20. No invalid information about the election should be given.
21. Reports or articles written by the observers and monitors about the election should be true, and the validity of the information needs to be confirmed before publishing.
22. The Head official appointed to an area has the right to void the pass given to and dismiss any persons from the voting station, who are not following this Code of Conduct.
