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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**

**THE UNION ELECTION COMMISSION**

**NOTIFICATION NO. (19/ 2020)**

**7th July 2020**

**The 3rd Waning Day of First Waso, 1382 M.E.**

The Union Election Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 90 of the Election Law, hereby issues this Code of Conduct for International Election Observers.

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS**

1. Every person who participates in election observation as a member of an International Election Observation Organization or Mission shall understand and respect this Code of Conduct and shall sign the pledge attached to this Code. International Election Observers:
  - (a) Shall respect the sovereignty of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as well as the fundamental rights and freedom of its citizens;
  - (b) Shall abide by the laws of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and respect the authority of the Union Election Commission, its sub-commissions and election officials;
  - (c) Shall follow directives issued by authorities concerned including the Union Election Commission, Region or State police forces and maintain a respectful attitude towards them;

- (d) Shall maintain strict political impartiality at all times during election process and shall not express any bias or preference with regard to national authorities, political parties and candidates as well as any issue related to the process of elections;
- (e) Shall not conduct or participate in any activity that may generate an impression of favoring or opposing any political party or a candidate;
- (f) Shall have right to ask any question and to clear any query but they shall not obstruct directly or indirectly in any pre-election, election and post-election process.
- (g) Shall display their official identification badges, issued by the Union Election Commission and Sub-Commissions *concerned* at all times and shall present it to polling booth officers, electoral officials and other national authorities when requested.
- (h) Shall ensure that all observations are impartial, objective and depict the highest standards of accuracy.
- (i) Shall not make any personal comments individually on the election process to the media.
- (j) Shall maintain proper personal behavior and respect others, including exhibiting sensitivity for culture and customs of the country and observe the highest level of professional conduct at all times.
- (k) Shall comply with advice issued by the government or security agencies in order to ensure their safety during their stay in Myanmar.

## 2. International Election Observer Organizations and Missions:

- (a) Shall be responsible to educate and provide training for their International Election Observers in order to understand the

election laws, rules and regulations including the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers issued by the Union Election Commission;

(b) Shall ensure that only their authorized persons give comments about the election process.

(c) Shall present their findings, methodology and recommendations to the Union Election Commission.

3. In Case of violation of this code of conduct, the Union Election Commission of Myanmar reserves the right to withdraw observer accreditation of an individual observer or an election observation organization or mission.

Chairman

Union Election Commission

## PLEDGE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I have read and understood the code of conduct for election observers, issued by the Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. I, hereby pledge that I will follow the code of conduct and that I will undertake myself and my activities in accordance with it.

I have no conflicts of interest, political, economic nor any other, that will interfere with my ability to make fair, impartial and accurate observation whilst following the code of conduct.

Signed -----

Name -----

Date -----