

**Presidential Elections Committee Decree  
No. 6/2014  
Concerning the Regulations Governing Observation by Foreign and  
International CSO's of the 2014 Election of the President**

**The Presidential Elections Committee**

**After reviewing:  
the Constitution;  
the decree law no. 22/2014 governing presidential elections;  
the decree no. 1/2014 by the Presidential Elections Committee  
concerning the rules governing the mandates of the committee; and  
the approval by PEC issued on the meeting held on Saturday 29 March  
2014,**

**Decided**

**Article (1)**

Subject to the controls herein provided for, and pending the obtainment of a permit from PEC, foreign and international civil society organizations working in the field of observation of elections, human rights, and democracy support, and foreign agencies and national electoral commissions shall be permitted to observe the 2014 presidential election. However, this permit will not be deemed a license or a supporting document for practicing any other activities in Egypt.

**Article (2)**

Observation of the electoral process shall mean all activities of monitoring, viewing, and observing of all procedures related to the registration of candidates, electoral propaganda, polling, vote-counting, and announcement of the election results. It is prohibited that observers interfere in any manner or hinder the electoral process, influence voters, endorse or promote candidates, or grant or receive in any form gifts, presents, aid, or benefits from any candidate or the supporters thereof.

**Article (3)**

Foreign and international civil society organizations filing an application for obtaining a permit to observe elections must meet the following prerequisites:

1. Have good international renown and a proven record of impartiality and integrity;
2. Have observation of elections, human rights, and democracy support as part of the original scope of the mandates thereof; and
3. Have former experience in the field of observing elections.

**Article (4)**

The organizations desiring to observe the 2014 presidential election shall submit a request to the PEC, no later than 15 April 2014, to obtain a permit to observe elections. This request shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. Summary on the organization, its activities and its previous experience in the field of observing elections;
2. Names of countries where the organization observed elections over the past three years as of date of voting;
3. The number of observers requested by the organization and desiring to obtain permits to observe elections; and
4. Name of the representative of the organization before PEC.

The PEC may request any additional documents deemed necessary thereby.

#### **Article (5)**

A committee shall be formed from among members of the PEC Secretariat to receive and examine applications from the organizations desiring to obtain permits to follow the 2014 presidential elections. The committee shall issue a recommendation of approval or rejection of the application. This recommendation shall be submitted to the PEC within the next twenty-four hours to issue its decision.

#### **Article (6)**

PEC shall issue a statement comprising a list of approved organizations and shall provide a set of unique codes (fit for single use only), corresponding to the number of observers indicated in the application made by the organization. Such codes will be used for self-registration by the observers through the PEC official website ([www.elections.eg](http://www.elections.eg)), provided that observers register their names no later than 30 April. Data provided by observers shall include:

- Full name
- Occupation
- Nationality
- Recent photograph
- Passport scan
- A scan of the two sides of the ID for interpreters
- All such images need to be scanned

The PEC secretariat shall examine the forms filled by observers individually. The PEC is entitled to reject incomplete forms.

The PEC shall issue permits for the accepted observers no later than 15 May 2014.

A designated official representative for each organization shall receive all permits from PEC headquarters.

It is impermissible that observers themselves approach the PEC headquarters.

**Article (7)**

The organization permitted to observe elections should comply with all the provisions of law, regulations, and decrees regulating the electoral process. The organizations should also conduct observation acts in compliance with the regulations established by the PEC and should abide by accuracy, impartiality, and objectivity in its reporting on the electoral process.

**Article (8)**

Observers are allowed to access polling stations, and district stations by showing the ID's issued by the PEC.

It is impermissible that the observer stays inside any polling station for more than half an hour. Presiding officers of polling stations and district stations are entitled, if need be, to limit the period of presence and number of observers inside the stations, so as to ensure smooth operation.

In all cases, compliance with the instructions of presiding officers for both polling stations and district stations should be observed.

**Article (9)**

The organization granted a permit must promptly inform the PEC of any findings disclosed during observation and deemed important to report.

The PEC shall examine such findings and take the necessary measures in this regard.

Organizations are not allowed to announce results before the PEC makes the official announcement of results.

**Article (10)**

Upon the completion of the electoral process, the organization shall prepare a report on the findings of the observation and submit this report to the PEC.

While preparing this report, the organization shall observe impartiality, reliance on evidence-supported facts, and technical evaluation indicating both the positive and negative points that could arise during observation.

The report shall reflect objectively the official response, which was issued by PEC on the incidents reported by the organization.

**Article (11)**

PEC may invite, for the observation of the 2014 presidential elections, any of the heads and members of foreign agencies and national electoral commissions involved in the observation of elections, embassies, and international and regional unions.

**Article (12)**

Without prejudice to the penalties provided for in the decree law no. 22/2014 regulating presidential elections, the PEC may revoke the permit issued for any observer, in case of his violation of the controls set forth herein.

The PEC may revoke the permit issued for any given organization, should this organization be proven liable for the violation.

**Article (13)**

This decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be enforced as of the next day following publication.

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**Chairman of the Presidential Elections Committee**

Justice Anwar Rashad al-'Asi  
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