



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Independent Election Commission

**Regulation on Campaign Finance Disclosure by Wolesi Jirga
Candidates**

This regulation has been approved under the authority of paragraph (2) of article (43) and article (66) of the Electoral Law to avoid violations stated in article (63) of the Electoral Law.

Definitions:

Article 1:

In this regulation, the following terms have the meaning stated:

1. IEC: Independent Election Commission established under article (156) of the Afghan Constitution.
2. Candidate: A person included in the final list of Wolesi Jirga Election Candidates
3. Campaign Contributions: It includes money, loan, movable and immovable properties, services and facilities provided for electoral campaigns.
4. Campaign Expenses: It includes any payment made for goods, property, assets, services and facilities to be used in electoral campaigns.
5. Persons: It applies to national and legal Persons.
6. Campaign: Speeches, rallies, media messages and other similar activities conducted by candidates for attracting the support of electorates.
7. Political Party: An organization registered with Ministry of Justice as a political party.
8. Public Resources: It encompasses funds, materials, equipment, services, places, facilities and property including official times, services, and opportunities offered by the government employees or the individuals hired by the government.
9. Registration of Assets: A form in which movable and immovable properties of candidates are registered.
10. Report of Contributions and Expenses: It is a form on which financial expenses incurred and contributions received by candidates are reported.

Registration of Candidates:

Article 2:

1. While submitting his/her nomination form, each candidate must provide the IEC with information about his/her movable and

- immovable property in the form specified in the procedures provided by the IEC.
2. This information includes movable and immovable property of candidates inside and outside the country value of which reaches or exceeds 300,000Afghanis.
 3. The information submitted by candidates on their movable and immovable properties is kept confidential with the Commission. This information can be provided to the judicial and justice institutions or the ECC only upon their official requests.

Campaign Contributions

Article 3:

1. Only the following persons can contribute to the candidates' campaigns:
 - a-Afghan citizens
 - b-Political parties and other domestic legal and non-governmental persons
2. The amount of financial contributions to candidates made by the persons mentioned in paragraph (1) of this article is subject to the following limitations:
 - a- Up to 50000 Afghanis by natural persons
 - b- Up to 500000 Afghanis by legal persons
3. No government department can contribute to a certain candidate's campaign or provide him/her with the public resources unless equal conditions and facilities have been made available for all candidates.
4. No one may use public resources for an electoral campaign unless Government of Afghanistan supplies all candidates with the same resources.

Report of Contributions and Expenses

Article 4:

Every candidate shall submit his/her campaign contributions and expenses report to the IEC office in the province the candidate has registered during the last week of the campaign no later than 48 hours before the Election Day. The report should contain the following information:

The information on the total expenses and any contribution (monetary and in kind) to the campaign must be submitted in accordance with the procedures provided by the Commission.

Publication of Reports

Article 5:

For public information, the Commission will publish the reports submitted under article (6) of this regulation at the same time with declaring preliminary results of the elections.

Offenses

Article 6:

Any candidate, who does not submit his/her Assets' Registration Form on the day of candidacy, his/her application for nomination will not be accepted. If a candidate fails to present his/her report of contributions and financial expenses to the Commission at the due time, he/she shall be recognized as a violator. In this case, the Commission shall send the list of offending candidates to the ECC after its publication.

Entry into Force

Article 7:

This regulation enters into force after the date of its approval and would be published.