

Internationally Recognised Checklist for Election Assessment

Before polling day:

Free	Fair
(Relates to individual or group) 1. Freedom of movement 2. Freedom of speech for candidate, the media, voter s and others 3. Freedom of assembly 4. Freedom of association 5. Freedom from fear in connection with the election and the electoral campaign 6. Absence of impediment to standing for an election (both for political parties and candidates) 7. Freedom of choice (no corruption, bribery 8. Equal and universal suffrage	(Relates to the environment) 1. A transparent electoral process 2. An election act and electoral system that grants no special privileges to any political party or special group. 3. Absence of impediments to inclusion in the voters' rolls. 4. Impartial treatments of candidates by the police, the army, the courts of law etc 5. Equal opportunities for political parties to stand for election 6. Impartial voter education programmes 7. An orderly election campaign 8. Equal access to public media 9. Impartial allotment of public funds to political parties 10. No misuse of government facilities for campaign purposes. 11. Polling stations identified and voter s informed in good time.

On Polling Day

Free	Fair
1. Opportunity to participate in the election 2. Legal possibilities of complaint	1. Access to all polling stations for accredited representatives of the political parties, local monitors and international. Election observers 2. Polling stations should be easily accessible to the electorate. 3. Secrecy of the ballot 4. Absence of intimidation of voters 5. Effective design of ballot papers 6. Proper ballot boxes 7. Impartial assistance of voters if disabled e.g. disabled and illiterate 8. Proper security measures when transporting election materials. 9. Impartial protection of polling stations.

During Counting

Free	Fair
1. Legal possibilities of complaint	1. Proper counting procedures followed 2. All interested parties represented in the

	counting station. 3. Adequate security and secrecy provided.
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After polling Day

Free	Fair
Legal possibilities of complaint	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Official and expeditious announcement of election results 2. Impartial report on the election results by the media 3. Acceptance of the election result by everyone involved.