

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

ON INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION

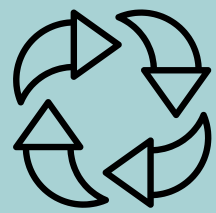
IMPARTIAL

International election observation involves systematically gathering and analysing election-related information with impartiality, offering recommendations to improve electoral integrity without interfering.



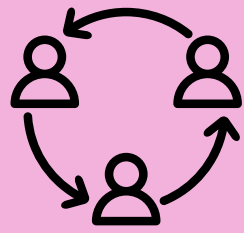
ENTIRE PROCESS

International election observation evaluates the entire electoral process, including pre-election, election-day, and post-election phases, using various techniques to ensure impartiality and accuracy.



PROCESS-ORIENTED

International election observation serves both the host country and the global community, focusing on the election process rather than specific outcomes, and requires impartiality and transparency.



REPORT FINDINGS

International election observation missions are expected to publicly and promptly issue accurate, impartial reports on their findings, conclusions, and recommendations.



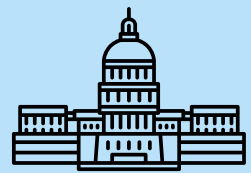
COOPERATION

Organizations endorsing the Declaration and Code of Conduct commit to cooperating in international election observation missions to maximize their collective impact.



SOVEREIGNTY

International election observation must be conducted with respect for the sovereignty of the country holding elections and with respect for the human rights of its people.



NO OBSTRUCTION

International observation missions must actively seek cooperation with host country electoral authorities and must not obstruct the election process.



MINIMUM STANDARDS

An organization should not send an international election observation mission to a country under conditions that could be interpreted as giving legitimacy to a clearly undemocratic electoral process

