Basic conditions for an International Election Observation Mission

Article 12 of the Declaration of Principles on International Election Observation sets out the basic conditions that should be met for an international election observation mission to be deployed.

Timely invitation

An invitation sufficiently in advance of elections to allow analysis of all of the processes that are important to organizing genuine democratic elections



Access to all stages of the process

Unimpeded access of the mission to all stages of the election process and all election technologies



Access to all persons involved

Unimpeded access to all persons concerned with election processes



Freedom of movement

Freedom of movement around the country for all members of the observation mission



Freedom to issue public statements

Freedom to issue without interference public statements and reports concerning the mission's findings and recommendations



No interference in mission composition

Guarantees that no governmental, security or electoral authority will interfere in the selection of members of the IEOM or attempt to limit its numbers



Full accreditation

Full, country-wide accreditation for all persons selected as members of the observation mission



No interference in mission activities

Guarantees that no governmental, security or electoral authority will interfere in the activities of the mission



No pressure or reprisals

Guarantees that no governmental authority will pressure, threaten action against or take any reprisal against any national or foreign citizen who works for, assists or provides information to the observation mission



For more information, visit www.dop2024.org