

Observer Code of Conduct

The key elements of the EU Code of Conduct for observers are:

- Observers shall maintain strict impartiality in the conduct of their duties, and shall at no time express any bias or preference in relation to national authorities, parties, candidates or with reference to any issues in contention in the electoral process
- Observers will refrain from making any personal or premature comments about their observations to the media or any other interested persons, but shall provide, through a designated person, general information about the nature of their activities as observers
- Observers must respect the laws of the land. Observers enjoy no special immunities unless so afforded by the host country. Observers must therefore comply with all national laws and regulations, but take note where such rules prevent them from carrying out their duties, such as limiting their freedom of movement or assembly.
- Observers will undertake their duties in an unobtrusive manner, and will not disrupt or interfere in the electoral process.
- Observers may bring irregularities to the attention of election officials, but will not give instructions or countermand decisions of election officials.
 - Observers will be subject to the direction and management of the observer team leadership, carrying out their written terms of reference and covering the geographical schedules specified by team leaders.
- At all times during the mission, including during private time away from work, each election observer should behave blamelessly, exercise sound judgement and observe the highest level of personal discretion