

**Presidential Elections Committee
(2014)**

**Presidential Elections Committee
Decree no.15 /2014**

On the Regulations of Media Coverage
for the 2014 Election of the President of the Republic

Presidential Elections Committee,

Having perused:

The Constitution;

and Decree Law no. 22 /2014 on the Regulation of Presidential Elections;

and Law no. 13 /1979 Relating to Egyptian Radio & Television Union;

and Law no. 96 for the Year 1996 Relating to Press Regulation;

and Presidential Elections Committee Decree no. 1 /2014 on the Rules Governing the Committee's Exercising of its Competences;

and upon the approval of Presidential Elections Committee on its session held on Tuesday the 8th of April 2014;

Decided

(First Article)

It shall be permitted to all of mass media ,printed, audible, visual and digital, to conduct media coverage for voting & counting procedures of presidential election ,first Round thereof is determined to be held on 26&27 May 2014 and second round shall be held on 16& 17 June 2014 according to stipulated regulations within such decree.

Media Coverage shall be authorized for all the national journalists from Egyptian Bodies either they are public, Partisan, or private following Supreme Council of Press in addition to media from Egyptian Radio & Television Union and Egyptian satellite channels that are licensed by The General Authority for Investment (GAFI) and accredited media by State Information Service (SIS).

(Second Article)

Egyptian Press Institutions shall submit an application- included numbers codes required for journalists proposed to cover voting & counting procedures, they are working in above-mentioned bodies. Such application shall be accompanied by a letter from Supreme Council of Press informing that the Institution is registered in Council- to Presidential Elections Committee before 17/4/2014.

Also Egyptian Radio & Television Union shall submit to Presidential Elections Committee an application included numbers codes required for wishing to cover voting & counting procedures, they are working in Union, before 17/4/2014.

Egyptian satellite channels shall submit to Presidential Elections Committee an application included numbers codes required for media wishing to cover voting & counting procedures, they are working in above-mentioned channels- Such application shall be accompanied by a letter from General Authority for Investment (GAFI) informing that channel is registered in (GAFI) before 17/4/2014.

Whoever wishes to observe an electoral process from an International Mass Media representatives whether they are permanent or accredited visitors for State Information Service (SIS) shall submit to Presidential Elections Committee an application accompanied by a letter from press center of foreign correspondents in (SIS) informing that media is registered in above mentioned Center, before 17/4/2014.

(Third Article)

Presidential Elections Committee ,on Examining the applications, shall deliver non-replicable codes to press institutions & satellite channels either they are national or international from PEC premises located in State Information Service (SIS) .Both of journalists & media in charge shall register their data no later than 28 April 2014 through the PEC website: www.elections.eg (full name, profession ,work place, syndicate registration number, residence place, loading personal picture with white background .national identity card with its two faces ,loading passport for the international media in charge)

(Fourth Article)

General secretariat of Presidential Elections Committee shall examine the forms through the electronic site ,one by one .the committee has the right to refuse non -fulfilled form . The committee shall issue its accreditation for the accepted observer in deadlines 10th may 2014 .An official representative on behalf of the body shall receive all of accreditation cards from premises of the PEC . It shall not permitted for media to frequent the headquarter of the committee.

(Fifth Article)

Both of media and journalists ,authorized to cover voting & counting procedures, should hold the accreditation cards issued for them from Presidential Elections Committee.

(Sixth Article)

Both of media and journalists ,authorized to follow presidential election, shall adhere to all of law provisions, regulations, and decrees that organize the electoral process .They have to exercise coverage tasks by virtue of the regulations included in such decree and media code of conduct.

(Seventh Article)

Any Opinion Poll shall be prohibited to be published or announced within the preceding five days of the determined day of voting till termination thereof .

(Eighth Article)

Media Coverage shall limit to journalists and media who are authorized by Presidential Elections Committee . It shall be stipulated that accessing to centers & polling stations necessitates holding accreditation card issued by Presidential Elections Committee to be presented on demand.

Accessing to polling stations ,voting premises and district committees shall be according permission from its chairperson since that makes no differences upon the course of voting, counting, adding up procedures.

In any case it should not interfere in polling station/ district committee work in any way or state any comment or express any objections or hinder voting process or influence upon voters or promote for one choice only or give a personal opinion concerning the electoral process or detect voters opinion.

(Ninth Article)

It shall be prohibited to interview or hold talks with any of polling station officers or candidate representatives or observer or voters inside polling stations premises .

Existence inside any polling station during voting should not exceed half an hour.

Pictures should be taken by any instrument only after approval of polling station chairperson.

On overcrowding , polling station/district committee chairperson may decrease time of accessing journalists and media inside the polling station /committee.

(Tenth Article)

Journalists and media ,authorized to the media coverage are entitled to attend counting process in polling station and declare numerical calculation of results .Also they are entitled

to attend the announcement of numerical calculation of results in district committees .they should adhere to all of what included in media code of conduct

On overcrowding, pooling station or district committee chairperson has the right to draw lots among mass media representatives to select the ones who are entitled to attend the procedures among them, whereas attendance numbers during counting and declaring results don't be less than three and be more than ten media representatives.

(Eleventh Article)

Declaring election results shall be prohibited before declaring thereof in an official way by Presidential Elections Committee.

(Twelfth Article)

Without prejudice to penalties determined, Presidential Elections Committee may revoke the permit issued for any media in case of his violation of regulation established in such decree. The committee is entitled to revoke the permit issued to the institution under which violator is subordinated.

(Thirteenth Article)

This decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be enforced starting from the day following the date of its publication.

Issued in Cairo on the 8th of Jumada Al-Thani, 1435 A.H. (April 8th, 2014 A.D.)

Chairman of the Presidential Elections Committee

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