**INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL ELECTION OBSERVATION CHARTER**

*In accordance with:*

*The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, mainly paragraph 3 of Article 21;*

*The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, mainly paragraph (b) of Article 25;*

*The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, mainly articles 3 and 4 and paragraph (a) of Article 7;*

*The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, mainly Articles 5, 9, 21 and 29;*

*The Convention against All Forms of Racial Discrimination, mainly paragraph (c) of Article 5; The United Nations Convention against Corruption, mainly articles 5 and 13;*

*The Constitution, mainly Article 11;*

*The New Law # 76-15 relating to the National Human Rights Council reorganization promulgated by the Royal Decree (Dahir) # 1-18-17 dated 5 Joumada II 1439 A.H. (22nd February 2018), mainly Article 33;*

*Law # 30-11 setting out the terms and conditions of the independent and impartial election observation, mainly Chapter IV on rights and obligations of observers;*

*The Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers, released by the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division on 27 October 2005;*

*The Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations initiated by the Global Network of Domestic Election Monitors and commemorated on 3 April 2012*;

The Special Commission for the Accreditation of Election Observers drafted this Charter that includes the core principles and rules with which the accreditation bodies and their observers must comply.

1. **Joint commitments of the accredited bodies and their observers**
	* Act in accordance with the international human rights standards;
	* Respect the sovereignty the Moroccan State, its institutions and its powers;
	* Respect the laws and regulations in force;
	* Monitor elections impartially;
	* Be objective, professional, and accurate in their observation and ensure the documentation of the electoral process.
2. **Commitments of the accredited bodies**
	* Make sure their observers respect and implement the Charter;
	* Propose impartial observers who have no conflicting personal interests with the independent observation tasks and immediately inform the accreditation commission of any breach of the impartiality provisions;
	* Adopt a gender-based approach when selecting observers and pay special attention to cultural and geographic diversity;
	* Appoint an official spokesperson for the elections related communication tasks;
	* Ensure transparent funding in accordance with the laws in force;
	* Draw up reports containing conclusions and recommendations to strengthen the electoral process and hand a copy to the Chairperson of the Special Accreditation Commission.
3. **Commitments of observers**
	* Abide by the scope of their election observation mission;
	* Be consistent with the independent observation principles;
	* Commit to apply for election observation with only one body;
	* Adhere to their accredited bodies’ guidelines and principles;
	* Conduct no activity or act that may be perceived as favoring any particular candidate, the administration or any other stakeholder concerned;
	* Respect public order during public gatherings and demonstrations organized as part of the election campaigns;
	* Respect public order in the polling stations;
	* Refrain from interfering in the electoral process, respect the secrecy of the vote, and never influence the free choice of voters;
	* Commit to work exclusively for their accredited bodies, and refrain from giving any information or data they receive to third parties;
	* Present their accreditation cards to public authorities and the heads of polling stations when asked to do so, and wear their accreditation badges, that are handed by the accreditation commission;
	* Refrain from issuing any statement, comment or declaration to written, audio-visual or electronic media before the end of electoral operations and the announcement of the overall polls’ results ;
	* Respect the ethical CNDH Charter ;
	* Stop using their accreditation cards and badges once a decision is made to withdraw their accreditation;
	* Return them immediately to the accredited bodies or the Special Commission for the Accreditation of Election Observers, once the accreditation is withdrawn.

Full name: …………………………………………………………….. in my capacity as:……………………….….………………………………….…………………………………….,

National Identity Card No……………………………………………………………………………

Passport No (for international observers):……………………………………………………………

Address: ………………………………………………………………………………..……………

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Signature: ………………………………………..……

Date: ………………. …………………………………