

Country/entity	Tunisia
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Charte d'Honneur des Partis Politiques, des Coalitions et des Candidats Indépendants pour les élections et les référendums de la République Tunisienne
Date	22 Jul 2014
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Tunisian Uprising (2010 - 2011)

Also known as the Jasmine Revolution, the Tunisian Uprising began following the self-immolation of the street vender Mohammed Bouazizi in protest of his humiliation at the hands of the police. Driven by high unemployment, inflation, corruption and political repression, the protests effectively ended the long-term regime of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and saw an opening of the Tunisian political system. Democratic elections in October 2011 brought a coalition government consisting of the Islamist Ennahda Party, alongside the centre-left Congress for the Republic and the leftist Ettakatol, to power. The success of the Tunisian uprising sparked popular protests across the Middle East, however, most have since fallen into civil war (Syria, Libya, and Yemen) or witnessed a counter-revolution (Egypt and Bahrain).

Close
Tunisian Uprising (2010 - 2011)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Tunisia reform process
Parties	political parties, alliances and coalitions of parties, political movements and networks, and independent candidates and lists
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement outlining the operating procedures among political parties and other politically active organisations and individuals to ensure stability and national unity. Agreement has particular focus on transparency and limiting hostile rhetoric.

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Groups

Children/youth Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical
Page 6, The electoral process
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Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age Groups→Elderly/age→Rhetorical
Page 6, The electoral process
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Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/national group Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive
Page 3, Specific Commitments
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... c. Anything that may fuel regionalists, community, or clan-based trends that could threaten national unity.

Page 3, Specific Commitments
... They will refrain also from criticism based on unverified allegations or facts which have been misrepresented, and from the use of offensive innuendoes about the candidates or members of their families on the basis of race, religion , beliefs , sex , social or regional origin, education, or any other similar reason;

Religious groups	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Substantive Page 3, Specific Commitments ... They will refrain also from criticism based on unverified allegations or facts which have been misrepresented, and from the use of offensive innuendoes about the candidates or members of their families on the basis of race, religion, beliefs, sex, social or regional origin, education, or any other similar reason;</p> <p>Page 4, Administration of the election campaign The Parties undertake to respect the rights of others and to take all necessary and reasonable measures to conduct their election campaign in a climate of serenity. To achieve this objective, each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour undertakes to respect and to promote - ... e. The neutrality of administration, places of worship, public institutions and education, and the principle of non-exploitation of financial, human, and material resources from public and private institutions, and from positions of influence for the purposes of electoral propaganda.</p>
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	<p>Groups→Social class→Rhetorical Page 6, The electoral process The parties will also work during all stages of the electoral process to provide conditions of equality to improve participation from women, young people, and the elderly, and will make as much effort as possible to encourage and facilitate the participation of marginalised, poor, and low resources groups.</p> <p>Groups→Social class→Anti-discrimination Page 3, Specific Commitments ... They will refrain also from criticism based on unverified allegations or facts which have been misrepresented, and from the use of offensive innuendoes about the candidates or members of their families on the basis of race, religion , beliefs , sex , social or regional origin, education, or any other similar reason;</p>

Gender

Women, girls and gender

Page 3, Specific Commitments

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Page 6, The electoral process

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Page 8, The electoral process:

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The parties also work during all stages of the electoral process to provide conditions for equal opportunities for greater participation of women, youth and the elderly. The parties also make as much effort as possible to encourage and facilitate participation of marginalised, poor and low resources groups.

Men and boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

Page 3, Specific Commitments

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State definition

Nature of state (general)

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State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

**Independence/
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Political No specific mention.
institutions (new or
reformed)

Elections

Page 1, Untitled Preamble,

The Parties who ratify the present Charter of Honour will be aware of the fact that a transparent, just, equitable, and democratic electoral process that commands widespread credibility is a fundamental condition for consolidating the legitimacy of institutions. ... On this basis, the parties must contribute in a responsible, voluntary, and independent way, to the creation of an environment conducive to the success of the electoral process, regardless of any difference they may have between their positions, and within a framework of respect for the Constitution and the framework of the legitimate institutions concerned and their laws. The electoral process here refers to the period preceding the elections, the electoral campaigns, the voting process, the counting of the votes, as well as the announcement of the results and the steps that follow it.

Page 1-2, Preliminary Conditions

The signatory parties agree that the value and the legitimacy of pluralist and democratic elections are based on the following prerequisites:

- a. The possibility, during the election campaign, to inform the voters on the programs, policies, and skills of political parties and candidates, thus allowing them to choose and vote in an informed manner.
- b. The possibility for the voters to vote freely, without coercion, intimidation, illicit influence, or any other form of manipulation, blackmail or corruption.

Page 2, Preliminary Conditions

... All parties undertake to put in place these conditions and adhere voluntarily and autonomously to the content of the Charter of Honour by working towards -

- ... b. Obtaining recognition and widespread societal acceptance of the fact that elections are means for voters to freely express their choice and of the fact that active, fair, and free participation, is a condition this right of choice.

Page 2, General Commitments: complying with the law and respecting the Charter of Honour

Each signatory Party of this Charter of Honour undertakes to apply and enforce the laws, rules, and decisions that govern the elections, and to behave according to the principles of honesty, good faith, and integrity.

Each Party recognizes the authority attributed to the Higher Independent Elections Body (ISIE) and to other bodies and authorities in charge of the electoral process. They will conform to the decisions and the codes of conduct issued by them.

On this basis, by signing this Charter, each Party undertakes to -

- a. Adhere to the principles, rules, and agreements included in this Charter and comply with its prohibitions ;
- b. Take the necessary measures to make the Charter known, and prevent its leaders, candidates and members to violate the principles, rules, and obligations;
- c. Take all possible reasonable measures to encourage its supporters to refrain from committing any act that could constitute a violation of the commitments contained in this Charter ;
- d. To ensure the rational use of the right to file complaints concerning the violation of the Charter and to refrain from making false and absurd accusations.

Page 2, Specific Commitments

Addresses

Each signatory Party of the Charter commits to -

- a. Conducting the election campaign in a manner that ensures an ethical and peaceful climate, characterized by mutual respect and fair competition throughout the electoral process.

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Page 5, Administration of the election campaign

... Parties will facilitate the access of officials and observers accredited by the ISIE to all public meetings and to all of the electoral activities organized. This will also apply for the High Independent Authority for Audiovisual Communication and the Court of Auditors, to aid the fulfilment of their functions.

Page 5, Administration of the election campaign

... In addition to the above points, the signatory Parties undertake to cooperate with the ISIE and to actively participate in all methods of consultation and coordination put in place by it. They also undertake to cooperate with the law enforcement authorities to promote a peaceful electoral environment and to maintain public safety.

Page 5, The electoral process

The parties - and their candidates, and supporters - will cooperate with the ISIE in line with the law to ensure the proper execution of all stages of the vote, the counting, and the announcement of the results. They will also check that their delegated representatives carry official documents confirming their identity.

Each signatory Party of the Charter commits to -

- a. Collaborating with agents of the ISIE to ensure peaceful and organized elections and full freedom for electors to exercise their right to vote without being exposed to any form of harassment or impediment ;
- b. Refrain from carrying out any activity in relation to the campaign after the deadline set by law or in the immediate proximity of voting stations ;
- c. Ensure the safety of ISIE officers before, during, and after elections;
- d. Respect agents, observers, and accredited supervisors of elections ;
- e. Respect the confidentiality of the vote and help enforce it.

Page 6, The electoral process

The signatory Parties of the Charter will refrain from-

- a. Obtaining votes through their presence in the interior voting office or by conducting illegal activities in these offices or their surroundings;
- b. Spreading false information on the electoral process or attempting to mislead the voters ;
- c. Deceiving or exercising any form of pressure on voters with special needs , or who are illiterate, and using any influence to restrict their freedom of choice ;
- d. Impeding the work of ISIE officers to disrupt the voting process or the counting

Political parties reform

Governance→Political parties reform→Other political parties reform

[Summary] Entire agreement deals with behaviour principles among Political Parties.

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties undertake to respect the rights of others and to take all necessary and reasonable measures to conduct their election campaign in a climate of serenity. To achieve this objective, each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour undertakes to respect and to promote -

... e. The neutrality of administration, places of worship, public institutions and education, and the principle of non-exploitation of financial, human, and material resources from public and private institutions, and from positions of influence for the purposes of electoral propaganda.

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties will refrain from-

... d. Intervening directly when an adversary or any other party commits an act contrary to the legislation in force, and instead of resorting to the authorities and official institutions responsible for applying the law;

Page 6-7, Funding and transparency

Aware of the sensitivity of financial questions, and, of its great impact on the integrity and the credibility of the electoral process, as well as the importance of transparency and the prevention of all forms of confusion and ambiguity concerning the financing of political activities;

Aware of the importance of the proper use of money before and during the campaign, in line with the principles and rules laid down by the law, the negative impact of its use for activities that may negatively influence an elector by corrupting or undermining their dignity.

To ensure that the financial management of electoral campaigns is performed with honesty and good faith,

The signatory Parties commit to-

... d. Checking the sources of any bank or postal transfer, or any funding received from a third party in that may violate legal requirements ;

... i. Running all expenditures through checks or bank transfers in line with the stipulated limit and refraining from splitting amounts or using any other method to circumvent this obligation.

Specific Commitments

Addresses

Each signatory Party of the Charter commits to -

a. Conducting the election campaign in a manner that ensures an ethical and peaceful climate, characterized by mutual respect and fair competition throughout the electoral process.

b. Always act with awareness of its responsibility toward society, its role in the promotion of national interest, and in the preservation of the democratic process. They will act in this way so as to be faithful to the popular aspirations to freedom, justice and dignity, and in a manner that preserves civil peace and national security.

When they are addressing the public at political rallies or in the framework of their media communication, including the Internet, the Parties undertake to refrain from:

a. Any form of intimidation or incitement of violence towards any person or group of

Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	<p>Page 4, Administration of the election campaign</p> <p>The Parties undertake to respect the rights of others and to take all necessary and reasonable measures to conduct their election campaign in a climate of serenity. To achieve this objective, each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour undertakes to respect and to promote -</p> <p>... e. The neutrality of administration, places of worship, public institutions and education, and the principle of non-exploitation of financial, human, and material resources from public and private institutions, and from positions of influence for the purposes of electoral propaganda.</p>
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	<p>Page 4, Administration of the election campaign</p> <p>The Parties undertake to respect the rights of others and to take all necessary and reasonable measures to conduct their election campaign in a climate of serenity. To achieve this objective, each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour undertakes to respect and to promote -</p>
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.

Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of association

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties undertake to respect the rights of others and to take all necessary and reasonable measures to conduct their election campaign in a climate of serenity. To achieve this objective, each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour undertakes to respect and to promote -

a. The right and freedom of the opposing parties to gather peacefully, to campaign, to have access to electors, to make known their principles, ideas, and policies, to hold public meetings, to have access to the media, to freely perform political lobbying, as well as publish and distribute without hindrance, coercion, or intimidation their documents and their electoral material within the limit of what is allowed by the law and by regulatory measures.

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties will refrain from-

... c. Preventing any other party from organizing rallies, meetings, or other legal demonstrations;

... e. Depriving a person of his right to participate in the political rallies of another Party ;

Page 5, Administration of the election campaign

In order to reduce the risk of disorder and altercations, the Parties undertake during the organization of meetings, rallies, marches, and political manifestations to -

· Notify the authorities concerned, by specifying the date, time, and place of the event within the time limits provided for by law;

· Comply with the regulations and the guidelines relating to maintaining order and security and facilitating the circulation of vehicles;

· Provide an adequate system for maintaining order whose members are easily identifiable

In cases where two or more parties organize events simultaneously, the leaders undertake to contact each other and the authorities with a view to avoiding incidents or potential clashes.

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Vote and take part

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties undertake to respect the rights of others and to take all necessary and reasonable measures to conduct their election campaign in a climate of serenity. To achieve this objective, each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour undertakes to respect and to promote -

... b. The rights of citizens to participate in political activities ;

Page 5, The electoral process

Each signatory Party of the Charter commits to -

a. Collaborating with agents of the ISIE to ensure peaceful and organized elections and full freedom for electors to exercise their right to vote without being exposed to any form of harassment or impediment ;

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

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Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1, Untitled Preamble,
The Parties who ratify the present Charter of Honour will be aware of the fact that a transparent, just, equitable, and democratic electoral process that commands widespread credibility is a fundamental condition for consolidating the legitimacy of institutions. It is a necessary element to the continuation of the democratic process initiated by the blessed Tunisian revolution. Therefore , the most important objectives of the Charter are to contribute to the success of the electoral process, to ensure its continuity, strengthen trust between the parties concerned, and to create a positive atmosphere of tolerance which encourages open, free, and integrated competition. ...

Page 1-2, Preliminary Conditions

The signatory parties agree that the value and the legitimacy of pluralist and democratic elections are based on the following prerequisites:

- a. The possibility, during the election campaign, to inform the voters on the programs, policies, and skills of political parties and candidates, thus allowing them to choose and vote in an informed manner.
- b. The possibility for the voters to vote freely, without coercion, intimidation, illicit influence, or any other form of manipulation, blackmail or corruption.

Page 2, Preliminary Conditions

... All parties undertake to put in place these conditions and adhere voluntarily and autonomously to the content of the Charter of Honour by working towards -

... c. The respect of the right of choice and of the results arising from its transparent, fair, and democratic implementation.

Page 2, Specific Commitments

Addresses

Each signatory Party of the Charter commits to -

... b. Always act with awareness of its responsibility toward society, its role in the promotion of national interest, and in the preservation of the democratic process. They will act in this way so as to be faithful to the popular aspirations to freedom, justice and dignity, and in a manner that preserves civil peace and national security.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles

Page 3, Specific Commitments

... The signatory Parties of the Charter of Honour must refrain from distributing, openly or anonymously, brochures, pamphlets, or posters containing comments or any element that may constitute a threat or an incitement of violence. They will refrain also from encouraging the dissemination of such comments or elements through rumours, social networks, or by any other means.

Page 3, Media and technical support, symbols and logos

The signatory Parties of the Charter of Honour will refrain from-

- a. Initiating the symbols of the other parties;
- b. Stealing, defacing, or destroying other parties' political materials ;
- c. Enabling their members or persons active in their campaigns to perform any act which is covered in this section.

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

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... d. The spirit of the law and the limits it imposes on election propaganda and access to the media ;

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

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... e. The neutrality of administration, places of worship, public institutions and education, and the principle of non-exploitation of financial, human, and material resources from public and private institutions, and from positions of influence for the purposes of electoral propaganda.

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties will refrain from-

- a. Harassing journalists , to interfere with their professional activities, or acting in such a way as to impede the freedom of the press ;

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties will refrain from-

- ... b. Preventing the other candidates from exercising their right to distribute leaflets , brochures and posters, and obscuring, disfiguring, or removing posters of the other candidates ;

Page 4, Administration of the election campaign

The Parties will refrain from-

- f. Publishing reports of opinion surveys or polls during the prohibition period imposed by law through any communication method ;

Page 6, The electoral process

The signatory Parties of the Charter will refrain from-

- ... b. Spreading false information on the electoral process or attempting to mislead the voters ;

Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.

International funds	<p>Page 7, Funding and transparency</p> <p>The Parties will refrain from -</p> <p>a. Accepting any funding from abroad, directly or indirectly, through associations, businesses, organizations - governmental or non- governmental - or governments;</p>
Business	<p>Page 4, Administration of the election campaign</p> <p>The Parties undertake to respect the rights of others and to take all necessary and reasonable measures to conduct their election campaign in a climate of serenity. To achieve this objective, each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour undertakes to respect and to promote -</p> <p>... e. The neutrality of administration, places of worship, public institutions and education, and the principle of non-exploitation of financial, human, and material resources from public and private institutions, and from positions of influence for the purposes of electoral propaganda.</p>
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Banks→Personal or commercial banking</p> <p>Page 6-7, Funding and transparency</p> <p>Aware of the sensitivity of financial questions, and, of its great impact on the integrity and the credibility of the electoral process, as well as the importance of transparency and the prevention of all forms of confusion and ambiguity concerning the financing of political activities;</p> <p>Aware of the importance of the proper use of money before and during the campaign, in line with the principles and rules laid down by the law, the negative impact of its use for activities that may negatively influence an elector by corrupting or undermining their dignity.</p> <p>To ensure that the financial management of electoral campaigns is performed with honesty and good faith,</p> <p>The signatory Parties commit to-</p> <p>... d. Checking the sources of any bank or postal transfer, or any funding received from a third party in that may violate legal requirements ;</p> <p>... i. Running all expenditures through checks or bank transfers in line with the stipulated limit and refraining from splitting amounts or using any other method to circumvent this obligation.</p>

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment

Page 4, Abuse of power and misappropriation of public resources

The signatory Parties of the Charter of Honour undertake, in the case of an exceptional event that could endanger national security or public order (such as acts of terrorism, political assassinations, natural disasters, etc.), to consult between themselves and with the competent authorities, so as to avoid making gratuitous accusations, and to refrain from any exploitation of the event in order to compromise the electoral process or obtain electoral advantages. This will not affect their obligation to denounce violence and terrorism. They also undertake to respond to the situation in a responsible manner, and in compliance with the following fundamental principles:

Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

Security Guarantees

Page 1, Untitled Preamble,

... It aims to encourage all parties to accept the results, to renounce violence, to mitigate conflicts, to banish acts of intimidation and everything that could lead to clashes between the citizens, as well as to maintain civil peace and promote the peaceful settlement of disputes. ...

Page 2, Specific Commitments

Addresses

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... b. Always act with awareness of its responsibility toward society, its role in the promotion of national interest, and in the preservation of the democratic process. They will act in this way so as to be faithful to the popular aspirations to freedom, justice and dignity, and in a manner that preserves civil peace and national security.

Page 2, Specific Commitments

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Page 3, Specific Commitments

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... b. Anything that may constitute a stigma, an incitement of hatred , or any charge of apostasy, treason, terrorism, of cooperation with foreign forces, or any other similarly serious accusation;

c. Anything that may fuel regionalists, community, or clan-based trends that could threaten national unity.

d. Any insult, defamation, or denigration ;

Page 3, Intimidation and violence

The Parties undertake to oppose violence, to not contribute to it directly or indirectly, and to denounce it. They will ensure that their electoral campaign does not encourage violence, does not encourage hatred, and does not cause or aggravate tensions between different groups or communities. They will, in good faith, take all the measures required to prevent violent clashes.

Page 3, Intimidation and violence

... Each signatory Party of the Charter of Honour declares its adherence to the principle of the rejection of violence and intimidation in all their forms. On this basis they are committed to -

a. Issuing directives prohibiting formally to their subordinates, candidates, members, and those who participate in its campaign, the intimidation of any person at any time.

And to campaign against violence or threats of violence, against any act of vandalism, or act that endangers public order.

b. In the case of an act of violence occurring, they must publicly denounce it, take disciplinary measures if necessary, and not encourage impunity.

Page 5, Administration of the election campaign

... During public rallies and demonstrations, Parties will ensure all kinds of weapons and other dangerous objects are banished, including firecrackers and explosives.

... Candidates are responsible for the behaviour of their representatives and activists, and they must approve explicitly all documents of their campaign.

Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	Page 5, Administration of the election campaign ... In addition to the above points, the signatory Parties undertake to cooperate with the ISIE and to actively participate in all methods of consultation and coordination put in place by it. They also undertake to cooperate with the law enforcement authorities to promote a peaceful electoral environment and to maintain public safety.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.

Corruption

Page 1, Untitled Preamble,

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Page 1-2, Preliminary Conditions

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... b. The possibility for the voters to vote freely, without coercion, intimidation, illicit influence, or any other form of manipulation, blackmail or corruption.

Page 2, Preliminary Conditions

... All parties undertake to put in place these conditions and adhere voluntarily and autonomously to the content of the Charter of Honour by working towards -

... c. The respect of the right of choice and of the results arising from its transparent, fair, and democratic implementation.

Page 3, Abuse of power and misappropriation of public resources

The signatory Parties of the Charter of Honour will refrain from-

... b. Using public resources whether they are national, regional, or local, or any other State resources to campaign or to prevent the other parties from conducting legal political activities.

Page 6, The electoral process

... The signatory Parties of the Charter will refrain from-

a. Offering money, donations ,or gifts to constituents above the value authorized by legislation, intimidating or threatening voters to convince them to vote for or against a political party or a candidate, or to refrain from voting;

b. Offering money, donations, and/or gifts to individuals, intimidating or threatening them to convince them to present themselves as candidates in the elections, to withdraw or retain their candidacy;

c. Offering money, donations or gifts above the value authorized by legislation to persons, or intimidating or threatening them to convince them to sponsor or not sponsor a candidate;

d. Trying to offer money, donations, or gifts to a representative of the ISIE or any other official institution, to support or hinder the election of a candidate;

e. Using means of transport to influence the voters on polling day.

f. Allowing any kind of fraud or usurpation of the identity of voters.

Page 6-7, Funding and transparency

Aware of the sensitivity of financial questions, and, of its great impact on the integrity and the credibility of the electoral process, as well as the importance of transparency and the prevention of all forms of confusion and ambiguity concerning the financing of political activities;

Aware of the importance of the proper use of money before and during the campaign, in line with the principles and rules laid down by the law, the negative impact of its use for activities that may negatively influence an elector by corrupting or undermining their dignity.

To ensure that the financial management of electoral campaigns is performed with honesty and good faith,

The signatory Parties commit to

a. Respecting the exclusive nature of funding related to the election process, observing the rules dictated by law relating to the cash flow, private financing and public funding of

Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	<p>Page 3, Specific Commitments</p> <p>... When they are addressing the public at political rallies or in the framework of their media communication, including the Internet, the Parties undertake to refrain from:</p> <p>... b. Anything that may constitute a stigma, an incitement of hatred , or any charge of apostasy, treason, terrorism, of cooperation with foreign forces, or any other similarly serious accusation;</p> <p>Page 4, Abuse of power and misappropriation of public resources</p> <p>The signatory Parties of the Charter of Honour undertake, in the case of an exceptional event that could endanger national security or public order (such as acts of terrorism, political assassinations , natural disasters , etc.),to consult between themselves and with the competent authorities, so as to avoid making gratuitous accusations, and to refrain from any exploitation of the event in order to compromise the electoral process or obtain electoral advantages . This will not affect their obligation to denounce violence and terrorism. They also undertake to respond to the situation in a responsible manner, and in compliance with the following fundamental principles:</p>

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 7, Measures for implementing the Charter of Honour
... The signatory Parties of the Charter of Honour undertake to -
... b. Put in place a permanent "Monitoring Committee" with the role of supervising the dialog and coordination between the Parties, of issuing and publishing reports on the implementation of the Charter, and on breaches and offenses committed. This committee will work with and under the sponsorship of the ISIE other institutions concerned. It may use external mediation if necessary.

Page 8, The settlement of disputes
... In case of failure of the consultation mechanisms for resolving the difference, the Parties undertake not to abuse the right of appeal and complaint and to refrain from using false statements, or ones that aim to impede or discredit the conduct of the election process. The Parties will refrain from any action or statement likely to impede judicial procedures or lead to violence.

Related cases No specific mention.

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