

International Standards of Elections

Universal Declaration on Human Rights, General Assembly Resolution 217 A (III)

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Article 21.

1. Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

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3. The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.