

## **The Code of Presidential Election Candidates' Honor of in the Kyrgyz Republic**

### *Preamble*

We, the undersigned Candidates of the Kyrgyz Republic, speaking for holding free and fair elections, following the laws, voluntarily accept this ethical Code of Presidential Election Candidates' Honor of in the Kyrgyz Republic (the Code).

### **The objectives of the Code**

the Code was adopted in order to:

- Ensure compliance with basic voting laws and procedures in upcoming presidential elections;
- Avoid destabilization of the situation during the elections and violations of laws;
- To enable voters to receive information about politics and the peculiarities of all political parties and their candidates, and make their choice based on this information.
- Set a tradition of conducting fair and just elections in Kyrgyz Republic

### **Application Code**

the Code applies to candidates to the post of President of Kyrgyz Republic that have signed the Code (hereinafter referred as candidates), including their authorized representatives, proxies and observers.

### **Basic rules of conduct**

Candidates undertake:

- Comply with the requirements of the Constitution and laws of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- To respect the inviolability of private life, honor, dignity and business reputation;
- Assist in the fight against violence or threat of violence, all acts of vandalism and public order disturbances committed or threaten to be committed by officials, candidates, supporters of the candidate or any other figures;
- Not engage in violence or not to order a violence and avoid violence in solving of personal issues;
- Do not harm the state, municipal, public or private property;
- Avoid blackmailing of their opponents and their supporters in any form
- Personally take all the measures in order to observe the Code of Conduct and require the same from each and every participant of electoral process

### **Rules of conduct in respect of voters**

Candidates undertake:

- To participate in the election process with observance of principles of openness and respect to all voters and other participants of the electoral process;
- Allow voters to vote freely, without intimidation and harassment, undue influence or bribery;
- Does not interfere with the free will of citizens, their opinions utterance;
- Be honest and open with the voters, not to impose voter confusion;

### **Rules of conduct in relation to other parties**

Candidates undertake:

- Respect the rights and freedoms of other candidates in the electoral campaign and disseminate their political ideas and principles;
- Organize and conduct their election campaign so that it contributes to a favorable and peaceful atmosphere within society
- Do not hinder to other candidates in reaching out the voters;

### **Rules of conduct for members of election commissions**

Candidates undertake:

- Do not exert – any kind of – pressure upon the members of the Central Election Commission;
- Do not disrupt the members of the Central Election Commission in their duty;
- Do not interfere into the duties of the members the Central Election Commission;
- To promote safety and security of members of the election commissions during the vote and after;

### **Rules of conduct during the events**

Candidates undertake:

- Organize events that involve mass gathering of people in compliance with the law, and as possibly without bothering citizens as it possible;
- To ensure peaceful and legal conduct of such events
- Prevent the spread and the drinking of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, psychotropic drugs, carry weapons at rallies, pickets, meetings, meetings, marches, demonstrations and other events.

## **Rules of conduct during the campaign period**

Parties undertake:

- Do not disturb or disrupt the election campaign of other candidates;
- Not to hinder the spread of propaganda and information material of other candidates;
- Do not imitate the symbols of other candidates;
- Do not damage or destroy the campaign and information materials of other candidates;
- Do not preclude other candidates' rallies, pickets, meetings, meetings, marches, demonstrations and other mass events;
- Not to interfere with people wishing to participate in mass actions of other candidates;
- Avoid agitation, which arouses social, racial, religious, ethnic hatred and regional division;
- Not to issue officially or anonymously, and distribute via the Internet, CDs, other methods and sources of information dissemination, advocacy and information materials that contain threats of violence or incite violence, slander, insult the honor and dignity.

## **Rules of Conduct in respect of administrative resource**

Candidates undertake:

- Do not use the official state and municipal or other public resources (financial, human, organizational) for electoral campaigns, apart from situations stipulated by law;
- Do not take advantage of personally or supporter's being in an official position or being employed in a state structure or a local administration in past.

## **Rules of conduct for media and journalists**

Candidates undertake:

- Respect the freedom of speech and press;
- Not to prosecute journalists or hinder their work;
- In a dispute with the opponents not to use illegal, immoral and adverse publicity;

- Do not spread false information and knowingly false statements, not to resort to deception and falsification;
- Criticize their opponents politely and reasonably.

### **Rules of conduct in respect of corruption and bribery**

Candidates undertake:

- Do not bribe voters in any form;
- Do not bribe state officials in any form;
- Coercion or offers of money or other incentives not to force voters to vote for a party, candidate or against them, or refrain from voting;
- Coercion or offers of money or other incentives not receive support or assistance of any state official;

### **Rules of conduct after the elections**

Parties undertake:

- To recognize the election results after the definition and the official publication;
- In the case challenging the election results to be evidence, not to launch personal insults at opponents and members of election commissions;
- To prevent unrest, unlawful seizure of buildings, property, road closures and other illegal actions;
- Do not allow the facts of interference or pressure on the commission of the judiciary;

We encourage the members of the Central Election Commission to be impartial and open to cooperation with candidates and their proxies, as well as media representatives, not to allow themselves and prevent violations of the existing laws of the Kyrgyz Republic.

We encourage journalists to be fair and objective.

We pledge to hold elections so that, meeting after the vote, we can continue to openly look straight into eyes of our voters, and also our ex opponents in election process. Our common aim – is modern, wealthy and just Kyrgyzstan and to attain this aim we are ready to overcome our personal interests towards the public ones.