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According to the authority which has been given to the Board of commissioners in the article (4), item (8) of the Independent High Electoral Commission's law No. (11), in the year 2007, and the amended Law No. (16), for the year 2005 we decided issuing the following regulation:-

(The system of the Iraqi OCV of the Iraqi COR/ 2010)

No. (20) For the year 2010

(Preamble)

The independent High (Supreme) Electoral Commission in Iraq has been established according to the law no (11) for the year 2007 to be precisely the only electoral authority in Iraq, The commission is professional, autonomous, independent, and neutral, subjected to the supervision of council of representatives.

Section 1 (Terminology)

The following terms represented the meaning in the face of each one of them:-

1. **"Commission"**:-means The Independent High Electoral Commission.
2. **"Election Law"**:- Election Law No. (16) For the year 2005 as amended.



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3. **"The Host Country"**: - The state which has agreed to open its office to manage the Iraqi elections abroad.
4. **"Registration and voting"**:- the process of enabling qualified Iraqi living outside Iraq to register and vote in the election of the Council of Representatives.
5. **"Voter Registration"**:- Is a record where the names of the eligible voters will be registered to vote in the out of country elections of the Iraqi council of representatives.
6. **"Center for registration and voting "**:- Is the location where the process of registration and polling occurred, and it contains one or more than one polling station.

Section2

(Managing OCV elections)

1. The Iraqis out of country voting will be managed by IHEC, which will institute a major office to manage the elections that are connected with offices in the host countries which will form registration and polling centers , in addition to organize its works according to the instructions issued by the BoC.
2. IHEC will coordinates with the ministry of foreign affairs and the Iraqi republic's embassies in the host countries for the following purposes:-
 - A. Instituting an office in the host country to control elections, opening registration and polling centers, in addition to open the votes' counting and sorting centers.
 - B. Facilitate communication with relevant government institutions in host countries.
 - C. Provide support with respect to advertising of posts in the Office of the host country and opening registration and polling centers and votes' counting and sorting centers.



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- D. Facilitate the transfer of voting materials and polling results and protect polling stations.
3. The Iraqi ministry of foreign affairs in coordination with IHEC and on behalf of it by discussing the memorandum of understanding in relation to the OCV with the host governments.
 4. The commission decides in which country registration and polling process for the Iraqis who are eligible to vote; will be occurred after the acceptance of the host states and according of the number of voters.

Section 3 (Eligibility to vote)

1. The voter should meets the legal conditions that are set forth in the COR law of elections no 16 of 2005 amended to register and vote in out of country elections.
2. IHEC will set procedures in which it will determine the necessary documents to prove the eligibility of the voter.

Section 4 (Registration and polling)

1. Registration and polling process occurred at the same time in the registration and polling stations identified by the IHEC in the host countries.
2. Eligible voters are registering their names in one time in the voter registration during the polling process for casting their ballots.
3. To enlist eligible voters' names and data in the VR they should provide identification documents that are specified by IHEC to be shown as an approve of their



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eligibility. In case that these documents were approved by IHEC then the voter got the right to vote at the same time of registration.

4. Eligible voters cast votes according to the conditioned polling technique in provinces they are belonging to so IHEC will determine in the procedures issued by it the needed documents to prove the voters' belongingness to their governorate.
5. Eligible voters who are resident in the host countries; got the right to travel to them for the sake of registration and polling at the time that is set by IHEC.
6. All special data related to voters that are enlisted in the VR are got only by IHEC; another side should get the approval of IHEC to have them.
7. Registration and polling centers handles Registration and polling processes only and they will not deal with any other side of the electoral process but with a

Section 5 (Counting and Sorting)

1. After the end of polling process; Counting and sorting process will be conducted by a procedures issued by IHEC.
2. In each host country, the elections results will be transformed to the counting and sorting centers in the national office of IHEC.
3. Votes of the voter are counted for the governorates they votes for.



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Section 6

(The Electoral campaign (Propaganda))

1. The provisions of the electoral campaign's regulation of the council of representatives' elections No. (19) of the year 2009 ; will be applied on the electoral campaign that are held by the political entities and candidates in the host countries.
2. Political entities, coalitions and candidates must begin their campaigns in the countries where elections of the CoR are held outside Iraq, since the date on which IHEC accredited on the candidates lists and stops before (24) hours from the beginning of polling process in the countries where the elections has occurred.
3. The electoral campaigns of the political entities, coalitions, and candidates will be subjected to the prevalent laws, and the regulations and the code of conduct of the political entities that are issued by IHEC.
4. The complaints of the electoral campaign will be produced to IHEC electoral offices in the host countries or to the main OCV electoral office or to the national office.

Section 7

(Media Means)

1. For the Representatives of the local and international mass media who wished to enter registration and polling centers; the right to enter the oiling centers after having a media accreditation issued from the main office of OCV or from IHEC electoral offices in the host countries according to the procedures set by IHEC.
2. Media means and its representatives will be subject to a restrictions and to the code of conduct issued by IHEC , and



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they will be subject to the rules of the (Media Means) regulation no (15) of the year (2009).

Section 8 (Electoral Observers)

1. The international and local observers teams will be accredited by IHEC to the code of conduct that are issued by IHEC
2. The electoral observing team will be subject to the code of conduct that are issued by IHEC and subject to the provisions of the (referendum and election observers) regulation no (13) of the year (2009).

Section 9 (Agents of Political Entities)

1. Coalitions and political entities accredited by IHEC got the right to be named as agents of observing polling and registration process and observing counting and sorting process. Agents of political entities will be accredited on by the procedures issued by IHEC.
2. Applications of the political entities related to accredit their agents will be produced to the electoral offices of the host countries precisely.
3. Agents, of political entities, who are accredited to observe the out of country elections; will be subject to the political entities code of conduct issued by IHEC and they will be subject to the provisions of the (Agents of political entities) regulation no (14) of the year (2009).



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Section 10 (Complaints)

1. Political entities, their agents, and the Iraqi voters, strictly, got the right to submit complaints that are related to the Iraqis' elections out of country; to the IHEC. As to the procedures set by IHEC, complaints will be submitted to the main office of managing out of country elections, to the states electoral offices, or to the national office.
2. Provisions of (Challenges and complaints)' regulation no (16) of the year 2009; will be applied on the complaints related to the Iraqis elections in the host countries.

Section 11 (Regulation's Application)

Any regulation conflicts with this regulation will be incompatible.

Section 5 (Effectiveness of the regulation)

This regulation shall enter into force since the date of its ratification by the Board of Commissioners in 9/1/2010.

Board of Commissioners