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AGREEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ABOUT A FAIR CAMPAIGN

We believe that respect of the rights of other political subjects to freely participate in the election competition and to state their political programs are the basis for further development of the democratic processes. We decided to adopt some of the provisions of this Agreement as our contributions to the fair and proper atmosphere at the upcoming presidential elections on December 22, 2002.

Freedom of political campaigning in accordance with the law and democratic norms is one of the most important aspects that influence the development of democratic processes. Of course, activities and actions of every political subject carry a certain level of responsibility to ensure that their content will not jeopardize the rights of other participants.

The participants in the elections who have signed onto this Code of Conduct have agreed to direct their activities toward further development of fair and democratic principles. According to this charter, each candidate is obliged to take responsibility for his own actions and his activists.

- During public presentations, candidates are obliged to avoid statements that can be interpreted as a threat to other candidates or their supporters and to citizens of different nationalities or confessions, as well as to refrain from giving information that is not supported by precise evidence in an effort to discredit or defame political opponents. All signatories of this document condemn in advance possible printing and distributing of anonymous propaganda materials with the above-mentioned content.
- The political candidates and their activists will not influence the electoral will of voters by offering them money, gifts or any kind of benefits and also will not blackmail or intimidate voters in any way, especially by threatening to fire or move them to another job position.
- The activists of each candidate must respect public and private property. Therefore, they are not allowed to post propaganda materials or paint graffiti in non-designated places. The candidates, their parties and activists will not disrupt public gatherings nor destroy propaganda materials of the opposing parties.



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- Parties and presidential candidates must not prevent journalists from performing their duties in accordance with the rules of their profession and the election rules and with the aim of objectively and correctly informing citizens.
- Presidential candidates are obliged by this Code to publicize their election campaign expenditures within 10 days of Election Day.
- All political subjects participating in the elections are obliged to respect the will of the citizens expressed in the election if there were no major violations of the election process.