

Resolutions

4th Meeting of Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia

(FEMBoSA)

Resolutions Adopted by the 4th Meeting of FEMBoSA

We, the members of the Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia, the Election Management Bodies of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in attendance at the Fourth Forum Meeting in Thimphu, Bhutan hereby resolve as under:

1. The Meeting unanimously adopted the Logo (Design No. 1 as submitted by the Election Commission of Bangladesh) of the Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia which is annexed herewith and resolved to seek endorsement of Afghanistan and Nepal within next 3 weeks.
2. Acronym for use in documents shall be FEMBoSA, while the acronym for use on the adopted Logo shall be FEMB-South Asia.
3. The Meeting endorsed the Rules of Procedures for the Meeting of the Forum of Election Management Bodies in total with minor corrections as suggested by the Election Commission of Bangladesh.
4. The Meeting resolved that the Forum will seek enhancement of seats allocated on the Executive Board of the Association of World Election Bodies to Asia (A-WEB), with the Chair of the Forum writing with the proposals to increase the number of seats for the Asia region and particularly for the South Asia region as presented in the working paper (annexed) submitted by the Election Commission of Bangladesh to be conveyed to the A-WEB.
5. The Meeting resolved that each member EMB will decide to submit to the Chair of the Forum the choice of following subjects for compiling of electoral best practices:
 - a. Strengthening of voter registration with new technology and techniques.

- b. Voter Education and electoral participation.
6. The Meeting resolved that each member EMB shall invite a Forum Team on study tours during national and local elections in any of the member countries.
 7. The Meeting resolved that capacity development training and workshops for the Forum officials will be held in respective training institutes of the member countries.
 8. The Meeting resolved that the Forum shall develop/strengthen international curriculum/modules of the training/resource centers of the member EMBs.
 9. The Meeting resolved that the website of Forum shall be initially hosted by the Election Commission of Bhutan and regularly updated with each member EMB making available the briefings on collaborative activities undertaken in any member country, and that the website shall feature the adopted logo to promote the Forum.
 10. The Meeting accepted the offer of the Election Commission of Nepal to host the Fifth Meeting of the Forum in Nepal in 2014 as proposed by the Chief Election Commissioner of Nepal as Maldives and Sri Lanka will be considering to host the Forum Meeting after the 5th Meeting in Nepal and it was proposed that the theme for the next Forum Meeting could include election campaign financing.
 11. The Meeting resolved to undertake individually a detailed and scientific study of the determinants of voter's choice and explore the appropriate ways to facilitate women in their political participation in South Asia or respective countries.

12. The member EMBs resolved to promote, in whatever way possible, to require women in composition of the EMB.
13. The member EMBs resolved to come up with an initiative for a civic education programme to enhance women's political participation.
14. The member EMBs resolved to dedicate one day in a calendar year as National Voter's Day in respective countries.
15. The Meeting resolved that all communications between and amongst the member EMBs shall be through emails and information required for website shall be made available by member EMBs by 10th October 2013 to the Election Commission of Bhutan.

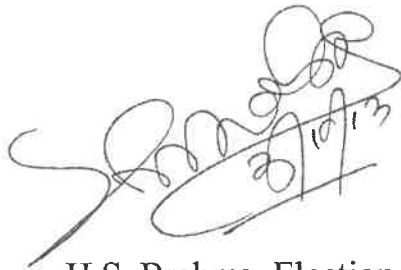
Adopted unanimously at Thimphu, Bhutan on 3rd October 2013




His Excellency Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh



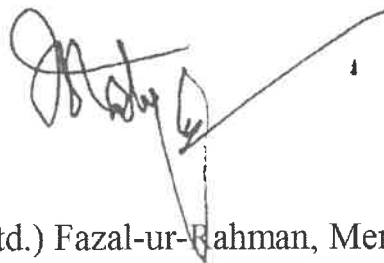
Dasho Kunzang Wangdi, Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan



His Excellency H.S. Brahma, Election Commissioner of India



His Excellency Ali Mohamed Manik, Commissioner of the Elections Commission of Maldives



His Excellency Justice (Retd.) Fazal-ur-Rahman, Member Election Commission of Pakistan



His Excellency M. M. Mohamed, Sr. Deputy Commissioner of Election of Sri Lanka for Department of Elections, Sri Lanka