



DHAKA RESOLUTION

**9th Meeting of
Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia**

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Resolutions

The 9th Meeting of Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 5-6 September 2018. The Heads of Electoral Management Bodies, Delegates, Representatives of 8 FEMBoSA countries attended the meeting.

The main theme of the 9th meeting of FEMBoSA is “**Transparency in Electoral Process & Engaging Electoral Stakeholders.**”

Recalling the Resolutions adopted in the first round of meetings in all FEMBoSA countries;

Believing that stakeholders and EMBs share experiences and knowledge for building trust and confidence on each other for the purpose of transparency in electoral process;

Realizing that starting from registration of voters up to the publication of election result the process is made accessible;

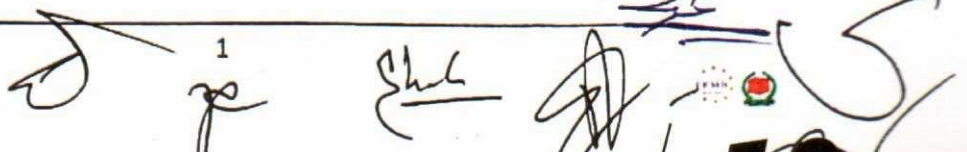
Encouraging the role of civil society organizations, media, and political parties building voter awareness;

Understanding that Electronic Technology can bring about changes in the electoral process i.e., voter registration, voting, counting and announcement of Election results;

Supporting that the enhancement of institutional capacity of EMBs and ensuring integrity of electoral administration;

Realizing the role of development of stakeholders on voter education for holding a credible election,

Believing that monitoring and control over election expenses of the candidates and political parties would be helpful for holding free & fair elections.

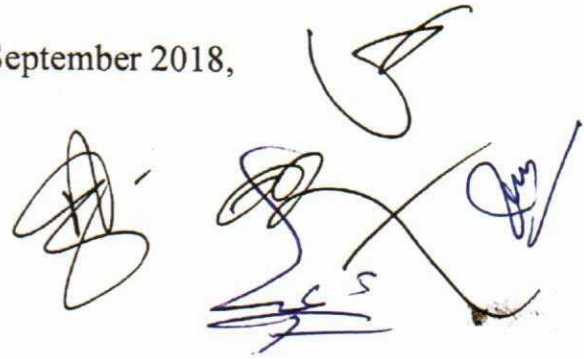
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Recognizing the role of election observers/visitors improving the electoral management process;

We, the members of Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia, the electoral management bodies of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in attendance at the 9th Forum meeting in Dhaka hereby resolve as follows:

- 1) Implement the work plan as approved by the member EMBs in the 9th Meeting of FEMBoSA;
- 2) Acquire the confidence of the voters as well as the political parties;
- 3) Strengthen perception of people on trust of credible elections;
- 4) Recognize the cyber security threat of availability, integrity and confidentiality of the Electoral Eco System keeping in view the major challenges of adopting technology in electoral process;
- 5) Maintain the permanent content management based web portal of FEMBoSA to share information among the EMBs through the **www.fembosa.org** web portal;
- 6) Place and record gratitude to H.E. Najibullah Ahmadzai, CEC of Afghanistan, H.E. Achal Kumar Joti, CEC of India, H.E. Amjad Musthafa, Vice Chairman of Elections Commission of Maldives for their yeoman service in nurturing FEMBoSA.

Adopted unanimously in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 6th September 2018,



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Chairman, Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan

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Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission

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Secretary, Election Commission of Bhutan

H.E. Ashok Lavasa
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H.E. Aishath Shaan Shakir
High Commissioner of the Maldives, High Commission of Maldives
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H.E. Dr. Ayodhee Prasad Yadav
Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Nepal

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H.E. Mahinda Deshapriya
Hon'ble Chairman, Election Commission of Sri Lanka