



## FORUM OF ELECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES OF SOUTH ASIA

8<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
24-26 SEPTEMBER 2017, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN



### RESOLUTION

FEMBoSA Resolution was unanimously adopted on 25th September 2017 during the concluding Session of the eighth FEMBoSA meeting held in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

FEMBoSA members at their 8<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Kabul:

- Reiterating commitment to facilitating and conducting free and fair elections to strengthen democracy and accepting inclusiveness and participatory elections including women and engagement of young voters.
- Appreciating the efforts made in overcoming the challenges in elections, acknowledging the constructive and proactive media engagement and importance of strategic planning for EMBs.
- Reiterating the importance of autonomous and independent EMBs and strengthening democracy.
- Acknowledging the need for equal access of the voters including persons need special assistance for increasing public participation in elections.
- Accepting that the public awareness has a crucial role in conducting credible and acceptable elections.
- Knowing and targeting of specific voters' groups and providing broad and comprehensive public awareness tools, for obtaining the confidence of the voters.
- Accepting challenges to women's participation in the South Asia region, and that their participation guarantees the credibility and inclusiveness of the elections.

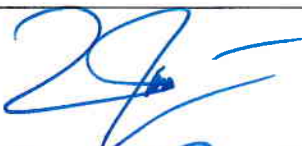





- Acknowledging the use of technology for various electoral processes ensuring the transparency and trust building.
- Accepting that simple procedures on making objections and complaints on the electoral process could facilitate better handling of the disputes in line with laws and regulations.
- Accepting the impartiality and professionalism of member countries' EMBs on handling the electoral dispute resolution, ensuring the confidence and trust of the people on the election and EMBs.

**Resolved to:**

1. Implement the Work Plan as approved by the member EMBs in the Eighth Meeting of FEMBoSA.
2. Conduct feasibility study for the establishment secretariat of FEMBoSA
3. Cooperate in capacity building of the member countries.
4. Host election visitor programs in their countries as feasible.
5. Provide technical assistance as requested and as feasible.
6. Share mechanisms on Election Dispute Resolution (EDR) among the member EMBs.
7. Actively share knowledge in ICT tools and modules being used by the member EMBs and to develop standards for sustainable use of ICT in elections.
8. Cooperate in developing evidence-based strategies for EMBs.
9. Share the information among the EMBs through the [www.fembosa.af](http://www.fembosa.af) web portal.
10. Design and implement regional research projects.
11. Place on record our gratitude to Dr.Nasim Zaidi of the CEC of India and Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad CEC of Bangladesh for their yeoman services in nurturing FEMBoSA.

Done and concluded at Afghanistan on September 25, 2017

*The names of the EMBs' Heads of delegation and their signatures:*

No	Name of delegate	Signature
1	His Excellency Najibullah Ahmadzai, Chairman of Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan	
2	His Excellency Amjad Musthafa, Vice Chairperson of Election Commission of Maldives	
3	His Excellency K.M Nurul Huda, Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Bangladesh	
4	His Excellency Ugyen Chewang, Commissioner, Election Commission of Bhutan	
5	His Excellency Dr. Noor Mohammad, Electoral Expert/IIIDEM, Election Commission of India	
6	His Excellency Dr. Ayodhee Prasad Yadav, Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Nepal	
7	His Excellency Pir Maqbool Ahmad, Provincial Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Pakistan	
8	His Excellency Pro. Samuel Ratnajeevan Herbert Hoole, Member, Election Commission of Sri Lanka	