FEMB South Asia **FEMBoSA**

Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia

Seventh Meeting of Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia

Bandos Island Resort I Male', Maldives I 02-04 August 2016

RESOLUTIONS

Maldives Resolution was unanimously adopted on 03rd August 2016 during the concluding Session of the Seventh (7th) FEMBoSA meeting held in the Republic of Maldives.

Recalling the objectives as envisaged in the Forum Charter and Thimphu Resolution of 2013, Nepal Resolution of 2014 and Colombo Resolution of 2015 respectively;

1. Reaffirming our commitment to ensure free and fair elections, promoting participatory and inclusive democracies;
2. Accepting the inclusion and participation of eligible electors as the cornerstone of free and fair elections;
3. Believing in the importance of Participation of Women for free and fair Elections;
4. Recognizing the importance of autonomous and independent Election Management Bodies (EMBs) for strengthening democracy;
5. Appreciating the efforts made in overcoming the challenges faced in conducting Free and Fair Elections in conflict scenarios;
6. Acknowledging that constructive and pro-active media engagement is essential for credible elections;
7. Realizing the necessity of considering the suggestions presented to FEMBoSA with regard to Disability Inclusive Elections in South Asia to the degree of EMBs capacity;
8. Reiterating and noting the importance of engagement of young Voters in Democracy and the Impact of Social Media;

9. Acknowledging the importance of strategic planning for EMBs;
10. Noting the importance of coalition of like-minded institutions bolstering Autonomy of EMBs
11. Reiterate "Free and Fair Election: Pride of Nation" as the motto of the Forum

Seventh Forum Meeting in the Republic of Maldives hereby resolves as follows:

1. Commended the excellent role played by the Election Commission of Sri Lanka as Chair in Office during 2015-2016 in implementing the Work Plan and playing a pivotal and active role for effective coordination among EMBs;
2. Decided to implement the Work Plan as approved by the member EMBs in the Seventh Meeting of FEMBoSA;
3. Agreed to develop and adopt modern technology for conducting free and fair elections in the member EMBs;
4. Agreed to make election process further inclusive with special focus on differently abled electors;
5. Agreed to share mechanism on Election Dispute Resolution (EDR) among the member EMBs;
6. Agreed to actively share knowledge in ICT tools and modules being used by the member EMBs and to develop standards for use of ICT in election for mutatis mutandis;
7. Agreed that member EMBs may strengthen nodal cell for better coordination ;
8. Agreed to share the information among the EMBs through the web portal;

Done and concluded at Maldives on August 3, 2016

The names of the Heads of delegation, EMBs and signatures go here:

1. His Excellency Dr. Abdul Rahman Hotaki, IEC ~~acting~~ Chairman & Deputy, Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan

2. His Excellency Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission Bangladesh 3/8/2016

3. His Excellency Ugyen Chewang, Commissioner, Election Commission of Bhutan

4. His Excellency Achal Kumar Kishor Chand Joti, Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India

5. His Excellency Ahmed Sulaiman, Chairman of Election Commission of Maldives

6. His Excellency Ayodhee Prasad Yadav, Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission, Nepal

7. His Excellency Zafar Iqbal Hussain, Director General (Elections), Election Commission of Pakistan

8. His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Chairman of the Election Commission, Sri Lanka

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