

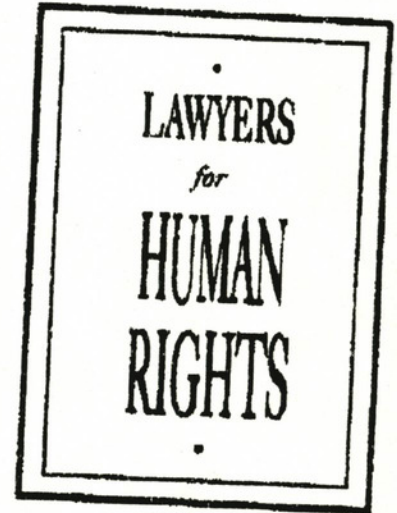
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**Multi Party Forum
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Attention: **Melody**

Per fax no: 3972211

We enclose herewith a draft proposal for a Code of Conduct for your attention. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lucretia Seafeld".

LUCRECIA SEAFIELD (MS)

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Independent Electoral Commission for the purpose of contributing to a climate that is conducive to a free and fair election makes known through the communication to all political parties, alliances, popular organisations and the citizens of South Africa this code of conduct.

All political parties of whatever formation would pledge to respect this code of conduct during the election period. The political parties also agree to issue directives to party officials to encourage members and supporters to obey this code and to take the necessary steps to ensure that the code is respected obeyed and compelled with.

1. No political party and all other participants in political activities shall use or threaten to use violence against any person or property or incite or encourage the use of violence against any person by word or conduct.
2. The political party and all other participants in political activities shall not intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person.
3. The political parties and all other participants in political activities shall not obstruct or break up meetings organised by rival parties and candidates nor interrupt speeches or prevent distribution of handbills, leaflets and pasting of posters of other candidates and shall not destroy, remove or deface posters of other parties.
4. Political parties and all other participants in political activities shall not obstruct or attempt to prevent any person from attending the political gathering of any other party.
5. Political parties and all other participants in political activities shall not seek to compel by force or threat of force, any person to join any party or organisation.

6. Political parties and all other participants in political activities shall not issue statements, pamphlets, newsletters, or posters whether officially or anonymously which contain inflammatory language or hate speech calculated to arouse feelings of conflict and controversy between different race or ethnic groups.
7. Carrying of dangerous lethal weapons including traditional weapons shall not be allowed in any public meetings.
8. All political parties and all other participants in political activities shall ensure that the Independent Electoral Commission substructure responsible for administrative issues and the Peace Keeping Force are properly informed of the date, place, duration and where applicable the routing of each public meeting, rally, march or event organised by or on behalf of them.
9. All political parties and all other participants in political activities shall take all reasonably practical steps to avoid holding rallies, meetings, marches or demonstrations close to one another at the same time. Party leaders undertake to cooperate in applying this principle in good faith and in a reasonable spirit should any coincidence of time or venue arise.
10. All political parties and all other participants in political activities will use their good office to ensure reasonable freedom of access by all political parties to all potential voters in rural or urban areas whether they may be on farms, public or private property. They will also seek to ensure that such potential voters wishing to participate in political activities have the freedom to do so. This may where necessary take place outside working hours on or off working premises (shop floor).
11. Political parties and all other participants in political activities shall not procure the support or assistance of any member of the Peace Keeping Force or official of the Electoral Commission to promote or hinder the election of candidates.
12. Political parties and all other participants in political activities shall not procure the support of sympathisers to destroy ballot papers or any official mark on the ballot paper.

13. Political parties and other participants shall avoid any attempt to procure votes through philanthropic work, offering of gifts or gratifications.
14. Election camps cannot be set up within the prohibited area or close to the polling centre and no campaigns shall be allowed inside the polling centres (wearing of T-shirts and sloganeering).
15. In addition to the election offices and designated party officials only the voters are entitled to enter the polling centres. Political parties should make sure that their workers do not enter the polling centres and loiter thereon. Only the polling agents will remain seated at their designated seats in the polling centre and discharge their responsibility from there.

Notwithstanding any of the above all political parties and all other participants in political activity shall act with a sense of responsibility and dignity befitting their status. While propagating their own views and programmes they shall not interfere with the freedom of others to do the same as that would be a negation of democracy.

All political parties, candidates, independent candidates and other participants shall in addition be vocal against violence and endeavour to promote a culture of tolerance amongst their members and followers.

For this code of conduct to enjoy maximum respect by the agents and supporters of the political parties it must be endorsed by all the candidates and chairpersons of political parties.

With this end in view the Election Commission would supply copies thereof to all political parties and ensure that it is published in all the media to their disposal.