

TO: Working Group one Steering Committee  
From: NIC/TIC proposal on definition of political  
intimidation as requested from Working group  
one - Subgroup Two.  
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Political Intimidation.

1. Political intimidation is defined as any action or set of actions committed by either an individual, an organisation, a political party, the State or any agency of the state, that is designed by the use or the threat of force or violence to disrupt or interfere with the following basic democratic rights of an individual:

- 1.1. the right to freedom of expression of opinion.
- 1.2. the right to freedom of association.
- 1.3. the right to freedom of movement.

2. In particular the following shall be considered as forms of political intimidation:

\* kill, injure, apply violence to, intimidate or threaten any other person in connection with that persons's political beliefs, words, writing or actions;

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- \* remove, disfigure, destroy, plagiarise or otherwise misrepresent any symbol or other material of any other political party or organisation;
- \* interfere with, obstruct or threaten any other person or group travelling to or from or intending to attend, any gathering for political purposes;
- \* seek to compel, by force, any person to join any party or organisation, attend any meeting, make any contribution, resign from any post or office, boycott any occasion or commercial activity or withhold his or her labour or fail to perform a lawful obligation; or
- \* obstruct or interfere with any official or representative of any other political party or organisation's message to contact or address any group of people.
- \* possessing, carrying or displaying weapons or fire-arms when attending any political gathering, procession or meeting.

\* the use of public office by public authorities

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