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PREAMBLE

Free, fair, peaceful and credible election depends on the cooperation and integrity of key electoral stakeholders in carrying out their responsibilities during the campaign and election process. Subject to section 162 of the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act No. 1 of 2024, the Independent National Electoral Commission, in consultation with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and all political parties, has prepared the Electoral Code of Conduct aiming at setting principles to be observed by persons participating in election and disciplinary measures to be taken against anyone who violates the Code.

Deliberate efforts should be made to ensure that this Code is adhered to and observed by all parties. Thus, stakeholders shall ensure that this Code is comprehended and observed by members of political parties, supporters and all electoral stakeholders.

PART I

1.0. Citation, Objective, Application, Parties and Obligation to Subscribe to the Electoral Code of Conduct, 2025

1.1. Citation

This Code of Conduct shall be cited as the Electoral Code of Conduct for the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections, 2025.

1.2. Objectives of the Code

The Code of Conduct sets the principles to be observed by persons participating in election and disciplinary measures to be taken against anyone who violates this Code.

1.3. Application of the Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct shall apply to the 2025 General Elections, from a day after the date of nomination of candidates for the general election until the day of declaring election results. This Code shall also apply to subsequent by-elections.

1.4. Parties to the Code of Conduct

Parties to this Code of Conduct are as follows:

- (a) political parties;
- (b) candidates;
- (c) Government of the United Republic of Tanzania; and
- (d) Independent National Electoral Commission.

1.5. Obligation to Subscribe and Adhere to the Code of Conduct

- (a) Every political party, the Government and the Independent National Electoral Commission shall be required to subscribe to this Code of Conduct. A political party that does not subscribe to this Code of Conduct shall be barred from participating in the election.
- (b) Every candidate, before being nominated by the Independent National Electoral Commission, shall commit to adhere to this Code of Conduct by filling in and signing

Form No. 10 set out in the First Schedule to the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Election Regulations, 2025 before the Director of Elections, returning officer or assistant returning officer, as the case may be. The form shall be issued by the Commission or returning officer or assistant returning officer and shall be returned together with the nomination form.

PART II

2.0. Code of Conduct for Political Parties and Candidates in Conducting Political Activities During the Campaign Period Until the Declaration of Results

2.1. Obligations of Political Parties and Candidates

Political parties and candidates shall have the following obligations:

- (a) to uphold and comply with the Constitution, electoral laws, electoral regulations, the Electoral Code of Conduct, directives of the Commission and other laws of the country during the election period;
- (b) to educate, encourage and urge their members to respect and adhere to electoral laws, other laws of the country, regulations and procedures;
- (c) to ensure that, campaign meetings adhere to the campaign programme coordinated by the Commission, returning officers or assistant returning officers in propagating their policies;
- (d) to ensure that, they adhere to the commencement and ending time of campaign, where all meetings shall be held between 08:00 am and 06:00 pm. Without prejudice to the time stated above, political parties may use loud speakers from 07:00 am to 08:00 pm for announcements of upcoming meetings;
- (e) to take necessary steps to ensure that, there are no collisions of campaign meetings schedules in one area. Where, collisions occur, political party representatives shall meet with the Commission, returning officer or assistant returning officer to resolve the matter amicably without the use of force, threats or commotion;
- (f) to ensure that campaign convoys of one political party do not collide with campaign convoys of another political party;
- (g) to ensure that all political parties, political party leaders, candidates, members and their supporters take deliberate steps in accordance with the law to ensure that-
 - (i) elections are fair, free and peaceful;

- (ii) acts that denote commotion and threats are avoided;
 - (iii) any form of discrimination based on gender, disability, tribe, place of origin, religion, physique or race is condemned and avoided;
 - (iv) information provided regarding the election and the electoral process is correct; and
 - (v) they comply with the laws and regulations governing the use of media and social media in carrying out election activities;
- (h) to ensure that booklets, flyers, leaflets, posters and publications of any kind used to propagate their policies shall only be used by political parties, candidates, members and their supporters after being approved by the Commission in the case of the Presidential election and the returning officer in the case of the parliamentary and councillors' elections;
- (i) to use state-owned media to propagate their policies in compliance with the Media Services Act, Cap. 229, the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act, No. 1 of 2024 and the directives of the Commission. Such media may be used by Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and be funded by the Government;
- (j) to ensure that they create an environment that facilitates the holding of free and fair elections, including enabling various groups, which in this Code of Conduct, include the elderly, pregnant women, voters with young children, women and people with disabilities to participate effectively in the elections.
- (k) collaborate with electoral staff to ensure voting process is peaceful and orderly so that voters are free to exercise their right to vote without disturbance, annoyance or threat;
- (l) to ensure that when a political party, candidate or supporters of a political party intends to hold demonstrations during elections, they comply with the provisions of the relevant law;
- (m) cooperate with their supporters to maintain environmental cleanliness during distribution of

campaign advertisements. Each political party shall be responsible for removing posters, advertisements and publications of any kind used during campaigns in open areas, immediately after the election;

- (n) to ensure that Kiswahili shall be the language used in election campaigns. Where the language is not understood, and when necessary, the candidate shall speak in Kiswahili and an interpreter may translate into a language understood by the relevant community;
- (o) to report immediately to the relevant authorities, upon becoming aware of any incident that may cause violence or disruption of peace;
- (p) to ensure that, campaigns conducted either by themselves or through their supporters and members adhere to the principles aimed at propagating their policies and that they do not create hatred and discord among citizens, leaders and the Government;
- (q) to prohibit their members or supporters from stating their slogan, displaying the political parties' signs or wearing uniforms in the colors of their political party at public meetings of other political parties;
- (r) to ensure that they follow the procedure for submitting complaints established by law if they are dissatisfied with the conduct of the election. During the campaign period, complaints should be submitted to the relevant election conduct committee; and
- (s) to educate and direct their agents present at polling stations, vote counting centres and tallying centres to carry out their duties in accordance with the electoral laws, regulations, procedures and directives issued by the Commission.

2.2. Prohibited Conducts of Political Parties and Candidates

Political parties and candidates shall refrain from doing the following:

- (a) cause disturbance or instigate commotion of any kind at the meetings of other political parties;
- (b) use abusive, defamatory, sarcastic, humiliating and threatening language or language that incites a breach of peace or indicates discrimination based on gender,

- disability, race or physique in the meetings and in all campaign activities;
- (c) any act of sexual harassment or violence against a candidate contrary to the provisions of section 135 of the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act, No. 1 of 2024. Acts of sexual harassment or violence in accordance with this provision shall include-
 - (i) the use of images that may be degrading or demeaning to a person's dignity;
 - (ii) touching parts of the body of a person with the aim of degrading his dignity;
 - (iii) using words intended to demean a person of a particular sex; or
 - (iv) doing any act that may be interpreted as sexual harassment or violence;
 - (d) allow leaders, candidates, members and their supporters to carry any weapon including traditional weapons or any tool that may be used to harm a person in all campaign meetings and activities or any political gathering;
 - (e) campaign or allow their supporters and members to campaign in religious buildings and use religious leaders to campaign;
 - (f) possess or carry a statue, mask, picture or any object that embarrasses, insults or humiliates another political party, its leader or the Government at any political meeting or gathering;
 - (g) use loud speakers or allow their leaders, members or supporters to use speakers of any kind for political activities at all times of the night from 08:00 pm to 06:00 am;
 - (h) remove, destroy or spoil campaign advertisements of other political parties and election advertisements issued by the Commission or to use their leaders, members or supporters to do so;
 - (i) place campaign posters, advertisements or any drawings on the houses, buildings or means of transport of individuals or various institutions without the permission of the respective owners;
 - (j) criticise one another based on unfounded allegations, but criticism shall be on policies, programs and the work they have done;
 - (k) solicit votes on the basis of religion, ethnicity or place of origin, sex or race;

- (l) reject or disrespect the Commission's decisions made in accordance with the electoral laws;
- (m) give bribes or incentives to persuade a person to stand as a candidate or withdraw his candidature or use their leaders, members or supporters to do so;
- (n) prevent people from attending campaign meetings of other political parties or use their members or supporters to do so;
- (o) on election day, political parties, candidates, their members or supporters hiring or using any form of transport to carry voters for the purpose of persuading them to vote for a particular candidate;
- (p) use social media to spread hatred, incitement, humiliation or gender discrimination campaigns; and
- (q) interfere with the functions of ethics committees.

2.3. Conduct During Voting Until the Declaration of Election Results

2.3.1 Permissible Conduct by Political Parties and Candidates

Political parties and candidates during the voting period until the declaration of the election results, among other things, shall ensure that: -

- (a) their agents take oath of secrecy seven days before the voting or within such shorter period as the Commission may allow;
- (b) there is cooperation between political parties, political party agents, candidates and electoral staff at polling stations subject to the laws, regulations and directives of the Commission. This will enable the voting exercise to be conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner;
- (c) political party leaders educate and urge their members to leave the polling stations as soon as they finish voting to avoid crowding and actions that may incite breach of peace;
- (d) they educate political parties agents participating in the elections that they are allowed to escort ballot boxes until they are delivered to the tallying centres in accordance with the directives of the Commission; and

- (e) they comply with and implement the decisions and instructions of the Commission as well as accept and respect the election results. Any complaints that arise shall be submitted to the relevant authority through the procedure established in accordance with the laws.

2.3.2 Prohibited Conducts by Political Parties

Conducts prohibited during the voting period until the declaration of the election results include -

- (a) on election day, political parties, candidates, members and their supporters, to conduct any kind of campaign including wearing any clothing or displaying any sign or having anything that suggests or persuades people to vote for a particular candidate. This includes the use of means of transport used during the campaign that indicate the identification of a particular political party;
- (b) political party leaders, candidates, members or their supporters to engage in conduct that may cause violence and commotion at polling stations, vote counting centres and tallying centres;
- (c) any person to use a mobile phone or other communication device in a polling station, vote counting centre or tallying centre except the returning officer, assistant returning officer, presiding officer, his assistants and the polling station guard who shall use their phones or other communication device when necessary for electoral activities only and such phones or devices shall at all times be in silent mode and may be on vibration;
- (d) a leader, candidate or staff of a political party, member or supporter to engage in the following acts:
 - (i) persuading members or supporters to vote more than once in the same election;
 - (ii) purchasing a voter's card, collecting voter's cards or spoil a vote;
 - (iii) giving bribes, gifts, purchasing votes, token of appreciation or any other form of payment of money or materials and equipment to a voter or electoral staff; and

- (iv) inciting or preventing voters from turning out to vote on election day;
- (e) any leader, candidate or staff of a political party to use abusive language towards an electoral staff; and
a leader or staff of a political party, member or supporter to invade or forcibly remain in a polling station, vote counting centre or tallying centre.

PART III

3.0. Conducts for the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania

3.1. Obligations of the Government

During election, the Government shall have the following obligations:

- (a) to provide equal opportunities for all electoral stakeholders, in particular, political parties, to conduct their political activities freely and in accordance with the laws of the country;
- (b) to continue serving citizens equally regardless of their membership or inclination in political parties;
- (c) to ensure that there is security, peace and tranquility throughout the election period. Security organs shall provide protection during campaign meetings and election period to ensure security, peace and tranquility. These organs shall take into account the needs and safety of various groups including people with disabilities, women, the elderly, pregnant women and lactating mothers;
- (d) to give equal opportunities for political parties with candidates for the positions of President and Vice-President to use state-owned media and broadcasting to publicize their policies; and
- (e) to ensure that leaders and staff confine themselves to the limits of their authority and powers in electoral activities.

3.2. Prohibited Conducts by the Government

Prohibited conducts by the Government during elections include -

- (a) unlawfully interfering with or obstructing meetings convened by political parties or candidates in accordance with election programme;
- (b) security organs to use their powers to suppress candidates, supporters or any political party. The organs shall carry out their functions based on laws, fairness and professionalism; and
- (c) to transfer any Government official involved in electoral activities until the electoral process is completed. Where the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania deems necessary to transfer such government official, it shall consult the Commission.

3.3. Prohibited Conducts by Government Officials During Elections

Prohibited Conducts by the Government officials during elections include:-

- (a) Ministers, Regional Commissioners and District Commissioners combining official visits with electoral activities and use of government facilities or government officials in electoral activities for their benefits;
- (b) From the election campaign period until the declaration of results, Ministers shall not be allowed to-
 - (i) publish in the media or in any other way any kind of donation or promise;
 - (ii) make promises of community development activities, for example, building roads, supplying water and other such things with the aim of gaining political support; and
 - (iii) use authority or government resources for election campaign activities for the benefit of any political party or candidate;
- (c) a Minister or any senior government official to summon the returning officer for the purpose of discussing or giving instructions on election matters from the campaign period until the declaration of election results; and
- (d) Ministers, Regional Commissioners, District Commissioners and other government leaders entering polling stations, vote counting centres or tallying centres. Provided that, Ministers, Regional Commissioners, District Commissioners and other government leaders are permitted to enter into a polling station for the purpose of voting only.

PART IV

4.0. Conducts for the Independent National Electoral Commission

4.1. Obligations of the Commission

The Commission shall have obligation to-

- (a) comply with the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania of 1977, electoral laws and other laws of the country;
- (b) plan, supervise and conduct elections on the basis that enables free and fair elections;
- (c) provide political parties with election programmes and information on time;
- (d) provide voter education nationwide, supervise and coordinate institutions and civil society organizations providing voter education. The provision of voter education shall take into account special needs;
- (e) provide adequate training to electoral staff to enable them to effectively manage and coordinate elections. The training shall include gender sensitization and how to serve women, the elderly and people with disabilities;
- (f) provide political parties with regulations, directives of the Commission, a copy of the Permanent Voters' Register and other required election documents in a timely manner;
- (g) rebuke conducts intended to sabotage elections that may be carried out by political party leaders, candidates, their members and supporters, the Government, its officials or organs;
- (h) coordinate the use of state-owned media for the purpose of ensuring equal opportunity to Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and their political parties;
- (i) conduct the election process with transparency and integrity;
- (j) coordinate the conduct of the candidate campaign programme committees;
- (k) coordinate the electoral conduct committees and supervise the implementation of decisions made by those committees;
- (l) meet with representatives of political parties from time to time to discuss various issues pertaining to election campaigns and the elections;

- (m) ensure that no electoral staff shall be subjected to harassment or injustice as a result of his performance in the election activities performed in accordance with the law;
- (n) ensure that electoral staff recognize the obligations of agents and candidates and their right to lodge objections or complaints where a contravention of laws and procedure occurs;
- (o) ensure that electoral staff are present at their workstations at all times during nomination of candidates, voting and at any stage of the electoral process;
- (p) ensure that electoral staff carry out the role of issuing and receiving appeal forms on behalf of the Commission; and
- (q) prepare and supply sufficient equipment and materials to the polling stations on time and ensure that, such equipment and materials are in a safe custody.

4.2. Prohibited Conducts by the Commission

Prohibited conducts by the Commission include-

- (a) favoring any political party or candidate;
- (b) changing election campaign programmes without involving political parties;
- (c) delaying or supplying insufficient materials and equipment to the polling stations without reasonable grounds;
- (d) delaying opening of polling stations without a reasonable ground; and
- (e) delaying declaration of election results without reasonable grounds.

PART V

5.0. Management and Enforcement of Electoral Code of Conduct

5.1. Electoral Conduct Committees

The electoral conduct committees overseeing the implementation of the electoral code of conduct shall be as follows:

- (a) Appeals Committee;
- (b) National Committee;
- (c) Constituency Committee; and
- (d) Ward Committee.

5.2. Composition and Authority of Electoral Conduct Committees

5.2.1 Appeals Committee

This Committee shall have the mandate to hear and determine appeals from the National Committee and shall be composed of-

- (a) the Chairman who is the Chairman of the Commission;
- (b) the Vice-Chairman who is a Member of the Commission;
- (c) one member from each political party participating in the Presidential election who is the Chairman or Secretary General or a representative of the political party participating in the Presidential election;
- (d) one member representing the Government who is the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister or his representative; and
- (e) the secretary of the Committee who is the Director of Elections or his representative and the deputy secretary of the committee who is among the senior officials of the Commission's secretariat.

During a committee meeting, the secretary or deputy secretary shall take minutes of the meeting and shall be responsible for keeping records of the meetings.

5.2.2 National Committee

This committee shall have the mandate to hear and determine complaints about violations of the code of conduct in the Presidential election and appeals from the constituency committee. This committee shall be composed of-

- (a) one member of the Commission who will be the Chairman of the committee;
- (b) one representative from each political party participating in the presidential election. The representative shall submit to the chairman of the committee a nomination letter from the Secretary General of the relevant political party;
- (c) one member representing the Government who will be appointed in writing from the Office of the Prime Minister; and
- (d) the Secretary and deputy Secretary of the Electoral Conduct Committee from among the senior officials of the Commission's secretariat.

During a committee meeting, the secretary or deputy secretary shall take minutes of the meeting and shall be responsible for keeping records of the meetings.

5.2.3 Constituency Committee

This committee shall have the mandate to hear and determine complaints about violations of the code of conduct in parliamentary elections in the relevant constituency and appeals from the ward committee. This committee shall be composed of-

- (a) the returning officer who shall be the chairman of the committee;
- (b) one member from each political party participating in the elections in the relevant constituency who shall submit to the chairman of the committee an introduction letter from the district or regional secretary of the relevant political party;
- (c) one member representing the Government who shall be appointed in writing by the District Administrative Secretary of the relevant district; and
- (d) the committee secretary who will be the assistant returning officer at the constituency level.

During a committee meeting, the secretary shall take minutes of the meeting and shall be responsible for keeping records of the meetings.

5.2.4 Ward Committee

This committee shall hear and determine complaints regarding violations of the code of conduct in the councillor elections in the relevant ward and shall be constituted by the assistant returning officer after receiving directives from the Commission. This committee shall be composed of -

- (a) the committee chairman who is the assistant returning officer at the ward level;
- (b) one member from each political party participating in the elections in the relevant ward who shall submit to the chairman of the committee an introduction letter from the district or ward secretary of the relevant political party;
- (c) one member representing the Government who shall be appointed in writing by the District Administrative Secretary of the relevant district; and
- (d) the committee secretary shall come from the office of the assistant returning officer at the ward level.

During a committee meeting, the secretary shall take minutes of the meeting and shall be responsible for keeping records of the meetings.

5.3. Conduct Committees for a Sole Presidential, Parliamentary or Councillor Candidate

Where there is a Sole Presidential, Parliamentary or Councillor Candidate, the conduct committees set out in paragraph 5.1 and the procedure set out in this Part shall apply. Provided that, such committees shall be composed of one member from the political party with the sole candidate, Government and the Commission.

5.4. Electoral Conduct Committees During By-Elections

There shall be electoral conduct committees during by-elections as follows:

- 5.4.1 Where a by-election is held in a ward, the committee shall be as in paragraph 5.2.4 and a constituency committee shall be formed for the purpose of receiving appeals from ward level.
- 5.4.2 Where there is a parliamentary by-election, the committee shall be as in paragraph 5.2.3 and a national committee shall be formed for the purpose of receiving appeals from constituency level.

5.5. Submission of Complaints

Where the Electoral Code of Conduct has been violated, a candidate, Commission, Government or political party that has subscribed to the Electoral Code of Conduct and has nominated a candidate, shall lodge its complaint in writing to the chairman of the electoral conduct committee at the relevant level. Complaints regarding violation of code of conduct by a sole candidate shall be submitted to the Commission.

Provided that any challenge or complaint regarding the election process or procedures that arise on polling day at a polling station shall be submitted in writing to the presiding officer through a polling agent.

5.6. Time of Submission of Complaints on Contravention of Electoral Code of Conduct

All complaints that arise shall be submitted in writing to the chairman of the committee of the relevant electoral conduct committee level within seventy-two (72) hours of the occurrence of the event complained about.

5.7. Convening a Conduct Committee Meeting

The chairman of the relevant committee, after receiving the complaint, shall convene a meeting within forty-eight (48) hours.

5.8. Procedure for Handling Complaints

Complaints for violation of electoral code of conduct shall be handled in the following manner:

- (a) all complaints shall be heard and determined at a meeting of the electoral conduct committee of the relevant level;
- (b) the committee shall determine complaints and make its decision as soon as possible;
- (c) after receiving the complaint, the Committee shall require the respondent to submit his defence in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving notification of the complaint against him;
- (d) the committee, in handling complaints, may summon any person to make a statement or give evidence to assist the committee in arriving at a fair decision;
- (e) the quorum of a meeting of the relevant committee shall be more than half of all members of the committee;
- (f) the committee shall determine all complaints within forty-eight (48) hours after hearing or receiving statements of defence from both parties, namely the complainant and the respondent;
- (g) the decision arrived at by the electoral conduct committee shall be implemented by the parties involved in the decision;
- (h) where the need to cast decisive votes arises, the representatives of the complainant and the respondent shall not be allowed to cast votes on the decision;
- (i) the complaints that will be handled by the electoral conduct committee are only those related to the election campaign period;
- (j) complaints arising on polling day shall be handled by the presiding officer, assistant returning officer, returning officer or the Commission in accordance with the election laws;
- (k) the committee shall have the authority to inquire all complaints submitted before making a decision; and
- (l) the committee may direct other complaints to be lodged to the relevant authorities as it deems appropriate.

5.9. Appeal Against Decision of Electoral Conduct Committee

A party that is dissatisfied with the decision of the electoral conduct committee has a right to appeal through the following procedures:

- (a) If it is a complaint handled at the ward level, the appeal shall be lodged with the returning officer, who is the chairman of the conduct committee within twenty-four (24) hours from the decision appealed against was made;
- (b) the decision made by the constituency committee, shall be final for all complaints originating at the ward level;
- (c) where the complaint was heard at the constituency level, an appeal shall be lodged to the Chairman of the National Committee within 48 hours after the decision concerned was made;
- (d) the decision of the National Committee shall be final for all complaints originating from the constituency level;
- (e) where the complaint was heard at the National Committee, an appeal shall be lodged with the Appeals Committee within forty-eight (48) hours after the decision of the National Committee was made;
- (f) if there is a need to make decisions by casting votes, the representatives of the complainant and the respondent shall not be allowed to cast a decisive vote; and
- (g) a party dissatisfied with the decisions of the committee at the final stage of the relevant appeal may file an election petition in Court in accordance with the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act No. 1 of 2024.

5.10. Complaints Against the Commission, Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer

The procedure for handling complaints against the Independent National Electoral Commission, returning officer or assistant returning officer shall be as follows:

- (a) if the complaint filed is against the Commission, the Chairman of the Electoral Conduct Committee who is a Member of the Commission, the returning officer or the assistant returning officer shall not preside over the meeting, but the members of the relevant committee shall elect one member from among themselves as an interim chairman, and when the chairman of the committee recuse himself from presiding over a meeting, shall participate as the respondent;
- (b) all complaints made against the Commission or returning officers and where the committee finds that the Commission or returning officer is at fault, it shall require the Commission or returning officer to rectify the anomaly complained of as soon as possible; and
- (c) where the Commission does not take the necessary measures to rectify the anomaly, the aggrieved party may file an election petition in court in accordance with the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act No. 1 of 2024.

5.11. Complaints Against the Government

The procedure for handling complaint against the Government shall be as follows:

- (a) all complaints made against the Government and where the Committee finds the Government to have contravened the Electoral Code of Conduct, it shall require the Government to rectify the anomaly complained of as soon as possible; and
- (b) where the Government does not take the necessary measures to rectify the anomaly, the aggrieved party may file an election petition in Court in accordance with the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act No. 1 of 2024.

5.12. Powers of Electoral Conduct Committees at National, Constituency and Ward Levels in Imposing Penalties

Electoral Conduct Committees at the National, Constituency and Ward levels may take the following actions:

- (a) direct the party which contravened the Code to rectify the anomaly or mistakes made and, if necessary, to make a public apology;
- (b) issue a written warning or reprimand;
- (c) publish the name of the political party or candidate who contravened the Code of Conduct and expose about his contravention by means of a public notice through radio, television, newspapers and other means of communication;
- (d) the committee may suspend a political party or candidate from continuing with the election campaigns as it deems fit. For the purpose of this paragraph, suspension from continuing with election campaigns shall include prohibition from holding any gathering suggesting conduct of an election campaign;
- (e) the committee may prohibit a political party or candidate from using the media, or displaying campaign materials for a period which the committee deems appropriate; and
- (f) require a political party or candidate to pay a fine as follows:
 - (i) at the ward level, an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand (200,000) Tanzanian Shillings which shall be confirmed by the Constituency Committee;
 - (ii) at the constituency level, an amount not exceeding seven hundred thousand (700,000) Tanzanian Shillings which shall be confirmed by the National Committee; and
 - (iii) at the national level, an amount not exceeding one million and five hundred thousand (1,500,000) Tanzanian Shillings or

such amount as the committee may deem appropriate.

- (g) Subject to the provisions of section 135 of the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act No. 1 of 2024, the penalty for the offence of sexual harassment or violence shall be suspension of the political party or candidate from conducting campaigns for a period which the committee deems appropriate or a fine of not less than one million (1,000,000) Tanzanian Shillings or both.

5.13. Powers of the Electoral Conduct Appeals Committee

The Electoral Conduct Appeals Committee may take the following measures in handling complaints:

- (i) give warning or reprimand;
- (ii) direct the party that contravened the code of conduct to rectify the contravention and, if necessary, to make a public apology;
- (iii) announce the name of the political party or candidate who contravened the code of conduct and expose his contravention by means of a public notice through radio, television, newspapers and other means of communication as it may deem appropriate;
- (iv) the committee may refer other complaints to the relevant authorities as it may deem fit for appropriate action;
- (v) the committee may suspend a political party or candidate from continuing with election campaigns for such a period as it may deem appropriate;
- (vi) direct a political party or candidate to pay a fine not exceeding seven hundred thousand (700,000) Tanzanian Shillings for contravening the Code of Conduct at the constituency level and not exceeding one million and five hundred thousand (1,500,000) Tanzanian Shillings for presidential elections or as the committee deems appropriate;

- (vii) the committee shall have the power to inquire into all complaints submitted by way of an appeal before making decisions;
- (viii) all fines imposed in all committees shall be paid to the Independent National Electoral Commission and receipts shall be issued; and
- (ix) the Appeals Committee may call for and review the decision made by the National Committee and may confirm or vary the decision.

5.14. Failure to Comply with Electoral Code of Conduct

Where a candidate or political party fails to comply with the decisions of the relevant committee, the Appeal Committee may suspend the relevant political party from conducting election campaigns.

5.15. Decision on Complaints for Contravention of Code of Conduct Not to Affect the Right to Lodge an Election Petition

Subject to the provisions of the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act No. 1 of 2024, an election petition shall not be dismissed on the ground that the matter complained of in the petition was determined during proceedings related to complaints for contravention of this code:

Provided that, a decision made under this Code shall be evidence of the matter complained of in an election petition.

PART VI

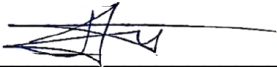
6.0. Declaration to Subscribe to the Electoral Code of Conduct

We, the political parties, the Independent National Electoral Commission and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, have jointly agreed to hold free, fair, transparent, credible and inclusive elections. We understand that peace, welfare of the country, security of citizens, freedom of political parties and compliance with the Constitution of the United Republic, laws, regulations and election procedures are the foundation for credible elections. We agree to comply with this Code of Conduct made under section 162 of the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections Act, No. 1 of 2024. We therefore, jointly agree to append our signatures below to confirm that we shall adhere to this Code of Conduct.

6.1. Declaration by the Government

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania declares that it accepts and undertakes to comply with this Code of Conduct.

On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Name DR. JIM J. YONAZI
Designation PERMANENT SECRETARY- PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE, POLICY, PARLIAMENT
AND COORDINATION
Signature 
Date 12th April, 2025

6.2 Declaration by the Independent National Electoral Commission

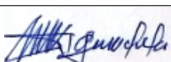
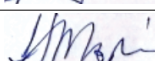
The Independent National Electoral Commission declares that it accepts and undertakes to comply with this Code of Conduct.

Name JACOBS CASTHOM MWAMBEGELE
Designation CHAIRMAN
Signature 
Date 12th April, 2025

6.3 Declaration by Political Party Leaders

I, the undersigned leader of a political party, do hereby declare that, I agree and commit to comply this Code of Conduct.

No.	NAME OF THE LEADER	NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY	POSITION	SIGNATURE	DATE
1.	RASHIDI MOHAMED RAI	AAFP	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
2.	ADO SHAIBU ADO	ACT-Wazalendo	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
3.	SALEHE M. MSUMARI	ADA-TADEA	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
4.	MWALIMU H. AZIZI	ADC	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
5.	MASOUD ALI ABDALLA	CCK	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
6.	EMMANUEL JOHN NCHIMBI	CCM	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
7.		CHADEMA			
8.	MOHAMMED MASOUD RASHID	CHAUMMA	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
9.	HUSNA MOHAMED ABDALLA	CUF	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
10.	AMEIR HASSAN AMEIR	MAKINI	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
11.	ABDUL JUMA MLUYA	DP	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
12.	EVALINE WILBARD MUNISI	NCCR-Mageuzi	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
13.	DOYO HASSAN DOYO	NLD	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
14.	HASSAN K. ALMAS	NRA	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
15.	MAJALIO P. KYARA	SAU	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025

No.	NAME OF THE LEADER	NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY	POSITION	SIGNATURE	DATE
16.	YUSTAS M. RWAMUGIRA	TLP	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
17.	SAUM H. RASHID	UDP	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
18.	MOSHI R. KIGUNDULA	UMD	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025
19.	HAMAD M. IBRAHIM	UPDP	SECRETARY GENERAL		12/4/2025

PART VII

7.0 Revocation of Electoral Code of Conduct, 2020

The Electoral Code of Conduct for the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Elections, 2020 is hereby revoked.

Dodoma,
12th April, 2025

JACOBS C. M. MWAMBEGELE,
*Chairman of the Independent National
Electoral Commission*