

## **Presidential Decree**

### **On non-interference of government officials in 2014 run-off presidential election process**

In order to conduct a fair and transparent election and to avoid the interference of government officials during the run-off presidential election process of 2014, I based on the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Election Law, published in Official Gazette No.1112 dated August 6, 2013, approve the following:

#### **Article1:**

All government officials are obliged to observe the following principles during the election process:

1. To cooperate with the IEC as demanded and to perform assigned tasks relating to the election activities as soon as possible.
2. To observe the impartiality principle while on duty relating to the election activities.
3. To refrain from actions that influence voters to unveil whom they have voted for, or to force them to vote for a specific candidate or to commit any action that would interrupt the principle of free, direct and confidential voting.
4. Not to provide government resources and facilities in favor of a certain candidate unless resources and facilities, according to the provisions of law, are equally provided.
5. To avoid introducing individuals to IEC for being hired as temporary or permanent staff.
6. Not to use his/her job status to strengthen or weaken a certain candidate's position.
7. To avoid ordering or prohibiting permanent and temporary electoral staff and to refrain from giving them presents and gifts.
8. To avoid entering to voters' registration stations and centers, the polling centers and ballot counting centers while carrying weapons or accompanying armed guards.
9. To avoid inviting one of the run-off presidential election candidates to an official meeting or for opening the projects.
10. To retain the information obtained from duty performance during the election process or obtained from the IEC and to refuse to present the information to a certain candidate.

#### **Article2:**

If the government officials violate the principles set forth in the first article of this decree, provided that violation has been proved, they shall be introduced to competent authorities for judicial pursuit.

#### **Article3:**

This decree shall enter into force upon signing and the relevant organizations are responsible for its enforcement.

Hamid Karzai

President of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan