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FACT SHEET 8: **NEC Code of Conduct for Accredited Observers**

Accredited Observers Must:

- Observe the electoral process impartially and independently;
- Be independent of any political party or political candidate;
- Be non-partisan and neutral at all times;
- Be competent and professional in all his/her actions;
- Provide the National Electoral Commission with a review of his/her observations of the entire electoral process;
- Provide an observation on the National Electoral Commission on its impartiality;
- Observe the freedom of political parties and organizations, and their freedom of movement to assemble and publicly express their views;
- Observe the freedom and fairness of access to state and other media;
- Observe and report on any other issues relating to freedom;
- Observe conduct of polling and counting of votes;
- Comply with any instructions from the National Electoral Commission, within the Electoral Law;
- Adhere to the edicts of the Electoral Laws Acts, 2002 and its amendments.

The Observers Must Not:

- Accept gifts or favours;
- Wear any political party symbols or colours;
- Influence the free choice of the voter;
- Take independent action over any irregularities at the polling station;
- Interfere in the smooth running of the polling station;
- Interfere in the counting process.

