

CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR THE INTRA-PARTY ELECTION OF PAKISTAN TEHREEK-E-INSAF, 2012

1. **Objects:** The Central Election Commission (the “CEC”) for the Party Elections (the “Party Elections”) of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (“PTI” or the “Party”) has made and issued this Code of Conduct (this “Code”) to govern the election campaign including the polling days involved in the Party Elections with a variety of objects which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) To adopt and promote freedom, fairness, effective choice, a representative and credible process, transparency, accountability, and inclusive practices, to reduce adversarial relationships, and to enable the emergence and consolidation of a genuinely democratic culture within the Party.
 - b) To ensure a level playing field among candidates in a manner that the principles of equality, of equal opportunity to win a Party office, and the equal value of each vote, are not challenged by the weight of money or corrupt practices.
 - c) To create conditions conducive to the conduct of peaceful Party Elections, and a climate of democratic tolerance in which political activity may take place without fear of coercion, intimidation, or reprisals.
 - d) Keeping in mind that electioneering is potentially divisive, to ensure that in the heat of campaigning it may not be forgotten that we are one people and belong to the same Party.
 - e) To demonstrate the Party’s commitment to work in the public interest, and to demonstrate the Party’s responsibility to the community, by recognizing that the constitutionally protected fundamental right to freedom of expression embodies the right to gather, disseminate, and receive information that is accurate, fair, comprehensive, interesting, and timely, to discuss, to advocate, to dissent, and to make informed judgments on the issues and ideas of the time, with an emphasis that no person or group of persons is entitled to directly or indirectly subvert the content of such information for their own purposes through corrupt, devious, or dishonest means.

2. **Authority of the CEC:** All candidates in the Party Elections and their representatives, agents, campaign workers and supporters shall accept the authority of the CEC, and shall implement and abide by all such rules, regulations and guidelines, including this **Code** that shall govern the holding of the Party Elections. All candidates in the Party Elections shall facilitate the access of the CEC officials and monitors to all their electoral activities relating to the Party Elections.
3. **Election Expenditures and Activities:** In order to create and maintain a level playing field among candidates, and to ensure that election expenses remain within nominal limits, no campaign relating to the Party Elections shall employ any means other than door-to-door canvassing, telephonic solicitation by the candidate directly in person and through commercial voice messaging, solicitation by electronic mail, use of free social media such as Facebook and Twitter, and distribution of multiple copies of a single handbill or leaflet measuring up to a maximum equivalent of A4 size paper which is 11.7 inches (or 29.7 cm) in height and 8.3 inches (or 21 cm) in width. Accordingly, candidates in the Party Elections, and their representatives, agents, campaign workers, and supporters, are prohibited from carrying out any other campaign activities in connection with the Party Elections, including, without limitation, conducting any meetings or rallies, hosting any events or gatherings (including meetings or rallies) where any food or beverage is served, affixing or displaying (on any movable or immovable property) any posters, hoardings, banners, flexes, placards, or signs of any other kind, doing any wall chalking, using any loudspeakers, megaphones, or microphones, and advertising or publicizing by interviews or mentions through the electronic, print, or other media (except free social media such as Facebook and Twitter).
4. **Corrupt Practices:** No candidate, representative, agent, campaign worker, or supporter shall offer any bribe, inducement, or reward to voters, make any threat of retaliation or reprisal to voters or other participants in an election, offer any gift for the purpose of inducing another to stand or not to stand for election or to vote or not to vote for a candidate, or intimidate or impersonate voters. No candidate, representative, agent, campaign worker, or supporter shall seek or claim the support of any public official, or official of the CEC or other competent body or individual within or outside the Party, or any Party leader including the Chairman, or of any person involved in the electronic, print, or other media (except free social media such as Facebook and Twitter), in order to promote or hinder the election of any candidate.
5. **Peace and Public Order:** Arms, other dangerous weapons, firecrackers, and explosives shall not be allowed in any activities relating to the Party Elections. Candidates shall ensure that their campaign activity does not incite violence, aggravate sectional differences, create mutual hatred, or cause tension between different groups or

communities. Abusive, inflammatory, or indecent language shall not be used, and all violent confrontation shall be avoided. Candidates and their representatives, agents, campaign workers, and supporters shall not prevent the distribution of handbills and leaflets of other candidates, or interfere with other candidates' political material, and shall not engage in activities likely to lead to a breach of the peace.

6. **Fair Practices:** Candidates and their representatives, agents, campaign workers, and supporters shall: (a) recognize the freedom of all to campaign for election, to access potential voters, to disseminate their views, to canvass freely for members and support, and to publish and distribute notices and election materials, (b) avoid criticism of other candidates that has no bearing on their public activities, or that is based on unverified allegations or distortion – criticism and comments must be confined to issues, policies, programs, and past record, and must respect the right of others to hold their own opinions, and (c) refrain from any abuse of campaigners for reasons of race, religion, gender, social origins, background, or any other reason.
7. **No Panels or Groupings:** Candidates in the Party Elections shall be on an individual basis only, and the formation of any and every kind of panels or groupings in this regard (whether formally or informally) is strictly forbidden.
8. **Polling Days:** All forms of campaigning shall cease twenty-four hours before the polling day for the Party Elections and the only communication with voters permitted on each such polling day (which communication may be in person, via telephone by the candidate directly in person and not through commercial voice messaging, via electronic mail, via free social media such as Facebook or Twitter, or through distribution of a leaflet or handbill) shall comprise a reminder that polling is being held on that date, the hours during which the polling is being held, and the manner in which (and/or the places at which) votes are to be cast. No such reminder communication shall take the form of harassment, interference, or intimidation. Candidates and their representatives, agents, campaign workers, and supporters are prohibited from transporting any voters to any place for the purpose of casting votes in the Party Elections. telephone.
9. **Election Monitors:** Teams of monitors for the Party Elections named by the CEC may monitor the election process and can include a professional cameraman with a video camera, who may record Party Election process, including campaign activities, expenditures, and observance of this Code, and report to the CEC on a regular basis. Evidence of violations can also be submitted in this manner.
10. **Violation:** Violation of any provision of this Code shall result in the disqualification and ineligibility from candidature in the Party Elections as well as for the award of a Party

ticket in any national, provincial, or local election in Pakistan. Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding sentence, candidates and their representatives, agents, campaign workers and supporters must remain categorically mindful of the possibility of such disqualification and ineligibility while crossing any limits or violating any restrictions involving election expenditures or activities, corrupt or unfair practices, peace, public order, abusive language, misrepresentation, panels, groupings, or election materials.

11. **Dispute Resolution:** The CEC shall provide impartial, expeditious, and efficient means for the resolution of disputes and irregularities in the campaign and in the administration of the Party Elections.

12. **Miscellaneous:** The following rules shall also be strictly observed in connection with the Party elections:

- a) Eligible voters would be as per Electoral list published after the cut off date as announced by the CEC.
- b) Nomination papers filed by the candidates will be subject to scrutiny by respective Election Commissions and the decision of the CEC in this regard will be final
- c) No person convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or of bringing the Judiciary or the Armed Forces to ridicule and subject to other disqualifications as per the PTI Constitution will be eligible to be a candidate.
- d) A person elected to a Party office in consequence of the Party elections will not necessarily be considered for award of Party ticket for subsequent national, provincial or local elections held in Pakistan.
- e) No candidate in the Party elections will hold himself out as a candidate for any constituency in the national, provincial or local elections held in Pakistan unless cleared by the Parliamentary Board to be constituted by the Party for the award of tickets in such national, provincial or local elections.