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General Recommendations on Election -2014

Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission recommends that:

1. Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission has issued a set of "Election Guidelines"¹ based on the fundamental rights violations guaranteed in the Constitution. If any complaint against such violations or inaction, neglect or omission is found it amounts to violations of the fundamental rights in Constitution. Therefore the relevant disciplinary authorities should take all measures against all state officials /police officials responsible for such violation of fundamental rights.
2. Take all necessary measures to ensure access to mobility and protection for persons with special needs and pay special attention to senior citizens when establishing polling stations.
3. Take all necessary measures to prevent organizing of election propaganda which cause hindrances to the day to day lives of the public. Consider encouraging the use of play grounds or meeting halls to conduct political rallies, as meetings near bus stations, public markets and across main roads cause hindrance to the daily activities of the public.
4. Take all necessary measures to prevent various forms of indirect propaganda activities (boards displaying Project names / large propaganda name boards, etc.) which are used to display the preferential voting number of candidates contravening the legal provisions on

¹ Election Guidelines issued by HRC SL, www.hrcsl.lk

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propaganda activities related to elections as it would be disadvantageous for other candidates in addition to being an obstruction to people to cast their vote freely.

5. Ensure that all steps should be taken to prevent the use of government buildings / vehicles as a medium of political propaganda and to prevent the use of various propaganda cut-outs, posters, stickers that are displayed on public and private transportation and use of public transport vehicles both private and government in election campaigns.
6. Take all necessary steps to avoid various forms of political propaganda which cause serious harm to the natural environment. Avoid all Propaganda on preferential voting numbers and symbols displayed on trees, rocks and roads and any such actions that harm the natural environment.
7. Take all necessary steps to prevent engaging in political propaganda activities using the short message service (SMS) and telephone calls after the time frame allowed for election campaign and directives should be issued to the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission and other agencies providing telecommunication services.
8. Ensure that measures be taken to minimize the disturbance caused to the public by the large scale use of loud speakers to hold musical shows using the opportunity provided for election campaigns.
9. Consider that laws be introduced to prevent election candidates from entering polling stations, other than for the purpose of casting their votes. The arrival of candidates from opposing political parties can lead to situations of tension and problematic situations.
10. Take all necessary measures to ensure law and order at a time that an election is declared and that the Department of Police performs its duties promptly. Measures should also be taken to adopt a proper mechanism to carry out election laws accurately after deliberations with the Commissioner of Elections and Inspector General of Police.
11. Take all necessary measures to implement laws against persons who engage in any illegal act or threaten or attempt to commit an offence against Election laws by obstructing the duties

of an officer of elections. Such persons should be brought before the law and strict action taken against them irrespective of their position or status.

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