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**Essential criteria for neutral, impartial and transparent elections – Timeline and inventory of political criteria for assessing the quality of an election**

**I Election as a process over many months and years**

II First protocol EConvHR, Code of good pract in elect matters,Copenhagen Criteria, OSCE/Odhir “Bluebook”, Declar. of principles for intern. elect. observ.,ECourtHR.

**The 15 main topics/criteria in the 7 main stages**

**in the electoral process**

**Periodization**

**Stage of the process Specific Topic Criteria**

**I Sound legislation 1 Elect system** - Elect. belong to people

* Approved by a Referendum
* Really representative (More than maj formation)

**2 Electoral law** - inclusive

* offering real choices/options
* no closed list, no fix by party bosses
* regional constituencies (max 2% to get a seat

**3 Political party** - easy to establish

* transparence in establishment and funding
* Public Payback after half percent

**4 Camp financing -** Contrib of over 100 Euro on ,

 doubled by State (max 1000)

**II. Quality of political 5. Freedom-Checks** - Right to speak, associate, meet

**Culture and political -** Freedom of press, access and

**Freedoms o**f public sphere

* Degree of pluralism
* Right to disagree without fears

**III. Elections day clear 6 Voter’s List/registration** - ord. communal regist as best way

- voters absent abroad should be known

**7. Cand select process** - party conference/party primaries/

+/- TV/press-influence

**IV. Election campaign 8. Public deliberations** - Real public pluralist programmat.

 deliberations

 -Free TV/radio/press time, same

 attractive placement

 **9. Equal level playing field** - no administ. ressources

**V. Election-“period”/day 10. Voters information and doc at home** - 3 weeks bef ore? - secrecy ?

 - voter.pamphlet

 **11.Casting by mail,internet,Ballot-Box**

**VI. Counting 12. Publically surveyed counting** - POS and citizen based

 - Transparent district/reg

 additioning

 **13.Results information** - no estimations before end

 polling

 - POS-Protocoll attatched

**VII. Complaints 14. Legally to every court**

 **15. Fairness to the Indep.public.Elect.Auth à la CAN**

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