



Ethical Principles for Candidates of 28 October 2018 Presidential Elections

We the below signatory presidential candidates,

Acknowledging high responsibility towards the state, its citizens and their future,

Striving towards the peaceful and democratic development,

Acknowledging the importance of conducting elections in accordance with the law and ethical standards for the peaceful and democratic development of the country,

Reassert our commitment to abide by the legal framework of Georgia:

1. Respect the rule of law, act in accordance with the constitution, laws, principles of democratic rule and in the best interest of the society;
2. Conduct the campaign without any discrimination based on political, ethnic, religious, gender or other affiliation
3. Refuse to use any hate speech, or statements that involve xenophobia or intimidation;
4. Encourage peaceful campaign environment, refuse to use or call for violence.

Also agree that during the 2018 Presidential Election Campaign we will:

1. Abstain from obstruction of campaign events and agitation of other contestants.
2. Abstain from dissemination of false information with the prior knowledge;
3. Conduct an inclusive election campaign with equal access for women, young people and vulnerable groups.
4. Refuse to use administrative resources, bribing voters or intimidating them.
5. Conduct debates based on substance, platform and plans, and refrain from personal insults.

Agreement of the candidates to the above "Principles" was facilitated by the CEC with the support of Swiss Government.