

INTEGRITY PACT

in the financing and conducting the election campaign for President and Vice-President of the Republic of Bulgaria

We, the signatories to this social contract citizens and non-governmental organizations¹, represented by Transparency International-Bulgaria, on one hand, and the candidates for President and Vice-President of the Republic of Bulgaria on the other,

having agreed that the public confidence in the electoral process and the directly elected institutions is the essential foundation of democracy in the country,

having agreed that the integrity and transparency in the formation and functioning of the democratic institutions in the country is an irrevocable condition for civil trust in them,

underlining the necessity of unconditional compliance with the legal and internationally recognized standards for conducting fair and democratic elections,

agreed with the need to explicitly declare our will and take concrete actions to ensure the transparency and fairness of the upcoming elections for President and Vice-President of the Republic. In the implementation of this we agreed to the following:

I. THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA COMMIT TO:

1. Carry out the financing of the election campaign in accordance with the principles of transparency, openness and accountability, as well as, in full compliance with the requirements of the law².
2. Conduct an election campaign in accordance with the best international practices and standards which exclude any form of improper influence on the choice of the Bulgarian citizens, including vote-buying and controlled voting.
3. Provide the representatives of Transparency International-Bulgaria with the opportunity to conduct public monitoring of the financing of the election campaign at least twice; once during and once after the campaign, upon beforehand arrangement of time and date for review by assigning an authorized contact person.
4. Documentation to be monitored under this contract is:
 1. Internal guidelines for financing of the election campaign.
 2. Documentation pertaining to the campaign revenues:

¹ "Alliance for Regional and Civil Initiatives", "Alternatives 55", "Bulgarian Association for Promoting Civil Initiative", "Citizens' Club - Plovdiv", "Danube Euro-regional Civil Forum", "European Information Centre - Veliko Tarnovo", "Icarus", "Civil Society Initiatives", "Institute for Development and Training", "Consensus", "Bulgarian Mother Center", "New Horizons", "Partners - Dupnitsa", "Development of the Person and the Civil Communities", "Community Social Practices - Foundation", "Center for Educational Programs and Social Initiatives", "NGO Center - Razgrad", "Community Centers Association for Development - South"

² Chapter 8, Section 3 and Section 6 of the Election Code, updated SG. 9 of January 28, 2011, amended SG. 45 of June 14, 2011, Chapter Three of the Law on Political Parties, updated SG. 28 of April 1, 2005, amended SG. 9 of 28 January 2011

- 2.1. Contracts for received donations.
 - 2.2. Revenue cash orders, payment orders and other financial documents pertaining to received income.
 - 2.3. Declarations for origin of the funds provided by donors.
 - 2.4. Declarations for origin of the funds provided by the candidates and members of the Nomination Committees.
 - 2.5. Documents pertaining to the reporting of non-financial contribution to the election campaign – declarations of ownership of moveable and immovable property.
3. Documentation pertaining to the cost of the election campaign:
 - 3.1. Contracts for services and activities performed in regard to the election campaign, including contracts with media service providers.
 - 3.2. Invoices, payment orders and other financial documents for costs incurred.
 4. Bank account statement in regard to the income received and expenditure incurred by the election campaign.
 5. Financial report for income and expenditures pertaining to the campaign.

II. THOSE UNITED IN THIS PRESENT CIVIL SOCIETY COALITION FOR INDEPENDENT MONITORING OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMIT TO:

1. Conduct a civil monitoring of the implementation of the commitments made in this contract.
2. Provide expert advice to all stakeholders, institutions and organizations on the internationally recognized standards for financing of political activities and mechanisms to enhance transparency and accountability in the election process.
3. Conduct large scale awareness campaign informing the Bulgarian public for their rights, responsibilities and penalties for violating the rules of democracy.
4. Timely alert the Bulgarian public, the European and international institutions for any identified infringements of the rights of the Bulgarian citizens such as, pressure exerted on the voters, attempts at vote buying, and other abuses of the electoral process.
5. Strictly abide by the rules of political impartiality, transparency and integrity in carrying out their responsibilities under this social contract.
6. Prepare a final expert report on the monitoring and inform the Bulgarian public, the national and European institutions about the results of the independent observation.

The contract is presented in duplicate, one copy for each of the Parties and shall enter into force upon signature.

Sofia, 19 September 2011

**ON THE BEHALF OF TRANSPARENCY
INTERNATIONAL-BULGARIA,
REPRESENTING THE CIVIL SOCIETY
COALITION FOR MONITORING OF
THE ELECTORAL PROCESS**

Diana Kovacheva
Executive Director



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**ЗА КАНДИДАТИТЕ ЗА ПРЕЗИДЕНТ И
ВИЦЕПРЕЗИДЕНТ НА РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ**

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