

# TRIPARTITE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE SIMPLE

## ELECTORAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Electoral Commission should create a consultation policy within three months.
2. Make a policy for regulation-making within six months.
3. Aim to disclose all documents except for privacy or sensitive information.
4. Provide audited accounts to all political parties.
5. Secretariat staff handle operations; Commissioners should not interfere.
6. Review ECSL functions according to best practices and discuss findings with stakeholders.
7. Publish an electoral calendar one year after presidential results, update it every six months.
8. Set regulations for electoral plans, including timelines for adoption and publication.
9. Publish a review calendar for procedural guidance with consultation periods.
10. Ensure staff recruitment reflects the country's diversity.



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11. Develop and finalize a voter information strategy in the first year of each electoral cycle.
12. Include voter information campaigns in the electoral calendar and plans.
13. Work with education ministries to provide electoral education in schools and universities.
14. Collaborate with NCRA to update the voter register transparently.
15. The government should subsidize national ID cards to avoid printing voter IDs for every election.
16. Review registration centers with stakeholders, considering population and distance.
17. Candidate nomination fees should be limited to the number of seats available.
18. Continue providing nomination software with party involvement in design and training.
19. Process accreditation at least two weeks before elections and provide procedures in various formats.



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20. Create a parliamentary committee for electoral matters and debate the ECSL report.
21. PPRC to develop consultation and recruitment policies reflecting national diversity and submit annual audited accounts to political parties.
22. NCRA to provide a comprehensive civil register and decentralize operations.
23. IESPC to outline roles and responsibilities of security agencies in elections and provide a security code of conduct.
24. IESPC to enhance transparency by submitting a post-election security report with lessons learned.
25. Conduct a comprehensive election threat assessment and update the public on security issues.
26. The IESCP should meet and update the ECSL
27. Government to inform the public when MAC-P is invoked.
28. Form a civilian body to monitor election violence.
29. Human Rights Commission to monitor election violations and promote rights.
30. Train police on election-specific crowd management.



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31. Provide resources for police operations.
32. Educate the public about the IPCB.
33. Enforce the Political Parties Code of Conduct against violence.  
Recommendation for Legal Reforms
34. Amend the constitution for fixed election dates.
35. Amend laws to require governance experience for Electoral Commissioners.
36. Create a Search Committee to select Electoral Commissioners and the PPRC Chairman.
37. Ensure regional Electoral Commissioners are not appointed to their home regions.
38. Use decennial census data for elections, published two years prior.
39. Align definitions of cyber crimes with international laws.
40. Protect election observers and human rights defenders, and require observer reports.



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41. Develop a code of conduct for election observers and respond to their reports.
42. Hold monthly meetings with political parties and publish relevant documents.
43. Publish all ECSL decisions, regulations, and policies widely.
44. Regulate the movement of electoral materials in the electoral calendar.
45. Allow prisoners to vote and run for office if not disqualified by law.
46. Public officers must resign six months before running for office.
47. Allow dual citizens to run for MP, meeting residency and tax requirements.
48. Allow independent candidates to run for President under certain laws.
49. Suspend state-involved court cases against presidential candidates one year before elections.
50. Reserve at least 2% of elective offices for persons with disabilities.



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51. Ensure 10% of positions go to youths, reflected in party nomination lists.
52. Women, youth, and PWD candidates pay half the nomination fee.
53. Require a 50%+1 vote and 25% district votes for presidential elections, otherwise a runoff.
54. Use the National Identity Number for voter registration and identification.
55. Publish voter registration center locations two months before registration starts.
56. Allow ECSL to remove voter register duplications with transparency.
57. Publish the final voter register six months before elections, available for public verification.
58. Independently audit the provisional voter list nine months before elections.
59. If a presidential candidate is disqualified, allow the party seven days to nominate a replacement.
60. Amend the law to decide which order candidates appear on ballot papers



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61. Ensure polling stations are accessible, especially for PWDs.
62. Make the procurement and printing of electoral materials transparent.
63. Ensure counting officers' statements are witnessed for accountability.
64. Set a three-month general election campaign period.
65. Prevent the misuse of state resources in campaigns, with increased penalties.
66. Regulate campaign financing for parties and independent candidates.
67. Chief Justice to draft rules for handling election petitions.
68. Amend the constitution for petition periods before confirming presidential results.
69. Chief Justice to look at petition rules in the case of election dispute
70. Deregister parties that fail to win offices in two consecutive elections.



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**71.** Amend laws to limit the right to object to party changes to registered members.

**72.** Regulate individual non-compliance in addition to party conduct.

**73.** Extend electoral crimes to include SGBV and other gender based violence.

**74.** Make it clear in the law for security forces to be non-partisan

**75.** Make law to cover the Independent Police Complaint Board

**76.** Review IMC Code of Conduct and how the IMC chair is appointed

**77.** SLBC to be fair to all political parties

**78.** National conversation to decide on First Past the Post or Proportional Representation systems.

**79.** To arrange for diaspora voting

**80.** Final agreement to be implemented by GoSL



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