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CNE tightens rules on unauthorised people near polling stations

In an attempt to curb some of the confusion that occurred during municipal elections, the National Elections Commissions (CNE) has clarified and tightened the rules of who can be near polling stations, in a new directive approved on 15 August.

The directive also covers the conduct of voting day and the count at all levels. It is posted, along with new codes of conduct, on our websites: www.cip.org.mz/election2013/ e bit.ly/ElecNac

At the 20 November municipal elections, there were problems of police, multiple party delegates, and party officials with no standing claiming to be "delegate coordinators" - all close to polling stations, which officials and voters found intimidating.

The new directive creates a "polling station location" ("os locais de constituição e funcionamento das assembleias de voto") which includes the entire area up to 300 metres from the polling station. Each political party and each presidential candidate can designate one "delegate" ("delegado de candidatura") and one supplementary for each polling station, but only one of them can be inside the area at any one time and the other must wait outside the zone. Registered observers and journalists are allowed in the area, as well as people waiting to vote, but those who have already voted must leave the zone.

The revised electoral law is less clear than in the past with respect to police, so the CNE has imposed its own restrictions. "Medical and paramedical staff must remain some distance from the polling station, and police even further still, up to 300 metres from the polling station, and can only come to the polling station when explicitly requested by the president of the polling station."

No one except polling station staff can talk to voters inside the area. The law already specifies that there can be no party symbols, posters, songs or other campaigning within that area.

The directive also clarifies two other points.

Polling stations now have seven members, four selected in the normal way by the public competition ("concurso publico"), and three named by political parties. CNE says that the polling station must have at least four members to operate, so party nominees need not be present.

The other clarification is a bit arcane. The polling station kit includes a book of numbered tickets. These have sometimes been used as a way of allowing people not to have to stand in a formal queue, but the CNE stresses that these are only to be used when the polling station closes at 18.00. The law says that anyone standing in the queue at 18.00 can still vote. So the tickets are to be given only to those still in the queue, to identify those who were waiting at 18.00.

Long ballot papers with 30 parties standing

In all, 30 parties will be standing in this election, 29 for national parliament (Assembleia da República, AR) and only 11 for provincial assemblies.

Of the 29 standing for AR, 14 are contesting all 248 seats inside Mozambique, so ballot papers will be long. Three others are contesting more than half the seats. Of the rest, 6 parties are contesting 93-135 seats and 6 parties are contesting 75 or fewer seats

Of those 11 parties standing for provincial assemblies, 6 are standing for fewer than 150 of the 811 seats.

\$2.3 million (70 million meticaís) distributed to parties

Government has allocated \$2.3 million (70 million meticaís) for parties for their campaigns, and the first half of this is now being distributed to the parties. One third goes to the three presidential candidates, one third to national parliament (assembleia da república, AR) candidates, and the remaining third for candidates for provincial assemblies. For the assemblies, the amounts are distributed according to the number of seats being contested.

For national parliament the constituency (circulo eleitoral) is the province, and for provincial assemblies, the district. To contest a constituency, a party must put forward enough candidates to fill all seats plus at least three supplementary. Funds are calculated in proportion to the number of seats and not for the supplementary candidates.

So the three presidential candidates each receive 7.8 million MT (\$255,000). There are 4873 candidates for the national parliament, or 4803 MT (\$157) per candidate. There are only 3465 candidates from provincial assemblies, or 6724 MT (\$220) per candidate.

Only the three main parties have presidential candidates and are standing for all 250 national parliament and all 811 provincial assembly seats, so each receives 14.4 mn MT (\$423,000). PDD/AD comes next with 248 parliament candidates (not standing for the two seats abroad) and 415 provincial assembly seats, 4 mn MT (\$131,000). Parena comes next with 248 and 145 seats, for 2.1 mn MT (\$69,000).

Half the money is now being distributed. One quarter will be distributed when the first half has been accounted for, and when that quarter is accounted for, the final quarter will be distributed.

Money can be used for:

- Campaign material such as t-shirts, capulanas, caps, headscarves, banners, posters and pamphlets.
- Travel expenses for people campaigning, paid at the same rate as someone on government service.

Money cannot be used for:

- "Salaries, subsidies or grants to people;
- Food provided by candidates to groups, agents, members or sympathisers;"
- "Buying or rehabilitating means of transport;
- Buying or rehabilitating buildings."

The full tables are:

President of the Republic		
Order	Candidate	Value MT
1	Afonso Macaho Dhlakama	7,766,666.67
2	Filipe Jacinto Nyusi	7,766,666.67
3	Daviz Mbepo Simango	7,766,666.67
Total		23,300,000.00

Election of Deputies of the Assembleia da República			
Order	Party	Seats	MT
1	MDM	250	1,200,492.51
2	RENAMO	250	1,200,492.51
3	FRELIMO	250	1,200,492.51
4	ALIMO	108	518,612.76
5	PASOMO	115	552,226.55
6	MJRD	248	1,190,888.57
7	PIMO	75	360,147.75
8	UASP	33	158,465.01
9	PLD	248	1,190,888.57
10	PPD	16	76,831.52
11	SOL	33	158,465.01
12	PAHUMO	161	773,117.18
13	PARESO	201	965,195.98
14	PUMILD	98	470,593.06
15	PEC-MT	250	1,200,492.51
16	PAZS	61	292,920.17
17	PVM	248	1,190,888.57
18	MONARUMO	248	1,190,888.57
19	PDD/AD	248	1,190,888.57
20	PARENA	248	1,190,888.57
21	PPPM	135	648,265.96
22	UM	93	446,583.21
23	JPC		0.00
24	PRDS	14	67,227.58
25	PT	151	725,097.48
26	PANAOC	248	1,190,888.57
27	MPD	248	1,190,888.57
28	UE	250	1,200,492.51
29	PASD	97	465,791.09
30	PUR	248	1,190,888.57
Total		4873	23,400,000.00

Order = position on the ballot paper, which is the same for the two assemblies but not for President.

Election of Members of Provincial Assemblies			
Order	Party	Seats	MT
1	MDM	811	5,453,477.63
2	RENAMO	811	5,453,477.63
3	FRELIMO	811	5,453,477.63
4	ALIMO		0.00
5	PASOMO		0.00
6	MJRD		0.00
7	PIMO		0.00
8	UASP		0.00
9	PLD		0.00
10	PPD		0.00
11	SOL		0.00
12	PAHUMO	115	773,304.47
13	PARESO		0.00
14	PUMILD		0.00
15	PEC-MT		0.00
16	PAZS		0.00
17	PVM	47	316,046.18
18	MONARUMO	135	907,792.21
19	PDD/AD	415	2,790,620.49
20	PARENA	145	975,036.08
21	PPPM		0.00
22	UM		0.00
23	JPC	80	537,950.94
24	PRDS		0.00
25	PT		0.00
26	PANAOC		0.00
27	MPD		0.00
28	UE	87	585,021.65
29	PASD	8	53,795.09
30	PUR		0.00
Total		3465	23,300,000.00

A detailed report on the 2009 elections is available, in two parts, on
<http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-1a> and <http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-2>

The Portuguese edition of the Bulletin is more detailed, and can be read on
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