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XVI. PROVINCIAL VOTER GUIDE INSTRUCTION PACKET

This voter guide instruction packet was developed by NDI in order to produce provincial voter guides in Cambodia in the lead up to the National Assembly elections. It is an example of how organizations can frame a voter guide project in order to gain buy-in from candidates and political parties. It also includes questions for the candidates and an explanation of how the questions were developed.

PROVINCIAL VOTER GUIDES FOR THE 2003 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

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INSTRUCTION PACKET

Introduction

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) has invited your party to participate in its program to produce provincial voter guides, an important voter education tool in the lead up to the July 27, 2003 National Assembly elections. NDI is a non-partisan, non-governmental organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide. NDI has worked with political parties and civil society organizations in Cambodia since 1992 and has experience organizing a number of successful multi-party and election-related programs.

NDI is planning to produce 12 provincial multi-party voter guides, one voter guide in each of 12 provinces, for wide distribution during the campaign period leading up to the 2003 elections. These voter guides will be an important tool enabling voters within the targeted provinces to become more educated on the platforms of the political party so that they will be able to make a more informed choice at the polls. NDI will produce and distribute the multi-party voter guides in the following 12 provinces: Siem Reap, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Cham, Kratie, Takeo, Kampot, Kampong Speu, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng and Kandal.

Should your party choose to take advantage of this opportunity, your party is requested to provide written answers to **four questions** for **each province in which your party is fielding candidates**. NDI has formulated these four questions on a province-by-province basis and based on the results of an extensive series of discussion sessions held amongst voters within the target provinces to determine the leading issues and concerns within that province. These questions, therefore, represent the leading questions and concerns in the minds of Cambodian voters within the target province.

Contents of the Voter Guide Instruction Packet

This packet of information is designed to provide your party with all the information that it needs to in order to successfully take part in this program. Specifically, this packet includes:

- An Agreement on the Rules, Guidelines and Instructions governing the conduct of the voter guides program (signature is mandatory for participation);
- Background information on how the voter guide questions were selected;
- The list of voter guide questions on a province-by-province basis;
- A diskette so that your party can provide NDI with its responses in soft copy.

Should your party have any questions about the voter guide program, please feel free to contact:

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AGREEMENT ON RULES, GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

One of NDI's leading concerns in producing provincial voter guides is to ensure fairness and impartiality while providing parties with an opportunity to present their ideas and providing voters with an opportunity to learn how parties propose to respond to their leading concerns.

NDI therefore wishes to outline the following rules and guidelines to ensure fairness and impartiality in this program.

Rules and Guidelines

1. Any party or candidate that does not adhere to the agreed upon etiquette or standards of professionalism will be disqualified from participating in the voter guides program without warning on the sole discretion of NDI.
2. One goal of this program is to demonstrate that Cambodia's political parties are capable of presenting their parties' platforms without resorting to unprofessional or personal attacks on other parties. Therefore, parties are only allowed to discuss policy, political platforms and issues facing their provincial constituencies in response to the specified questions.
3. Parties may demonstrate differences between their preferred policies and those of another party, but only in a factual and constructive way.
4. Parties will not be allowed to discuss personal matters of any other candidate nor are parties allowed to use offensive language or to attack the character of another candidate and/or party.

Instructions

1. Your party must provide to NDI a summary of at least 250 words providing background information on your party, its history or its biography.
2. Your party must provide to NDI a picture of its logo and a picture of its President for reproduction in the voter guide.
3. Your party should respond to all questions in each of the 12 provinces in which it is registered to contest elections. If you choose to leave any question blank, however, NDI will still print your other responses.
4. Answers cannot exceed 200 words per question. If your party exceeds 200 words for any one question, NDI retains the right to cut off your party's response at that limit.
5. Your party should ensure that the responses are clear, concise and have been checked for grammar, spelling and punctuation. NDI will reprint your answers exactly as they are sent to NDI and will not make corrections for grammar, spelling and punctuation.
6. Parties must return their answers in soft copy on the diskette provided by NDI.

Your party must return all of these required materials to the NDI office as soon as possible but no later than Monday, June 9 at 5pm. If your party has not returned its responses by that time, your party will forfeit its participation in this program. Your party will not have another opportunity to revise its answers, so make sure that all answers are complete and ready for printing at time of submission in accordance with the rules and instructions laid out here.

If your party agrees to these rules, guidelines and principles, NDI requests that your party representative sign below to demonstrate commitment to this program. Signature of this agreement is mandatory for participation in this program.

This signature hereby indicates my parties' commitment to this program in accordance with the terms outlined above. I understand that if my party fails to meet any of these terms or responsibilities, my party will be excluded from participation in this program.

Name of Representative, Party

Date

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON QUESTION SELECTION

In order to identify questions for its voter guide program, NDI worked with local NGOs in each province to organize an extensive series of discussion groups to determine the most pressing issues in each province. The “Democracy Initiative through Sustainable Community Discussion” – abbreviated “DISCUSS” – is the name given to that series of public discussions forums. These forums provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss priority development issues affecting them and their communes. The DISCUSS groups were held in April and May to allow sufficient time to prepare for this program. NDI made every effort to ensure that the DISCUSS program was conducted in a fair, neutral and impartial manner.

For each discussion group, NDI worked with its local NGO partners to ensure balanced participation. The discussions were conducted in all districts in each of the 12 target provinces (Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kompong Cham, Kompong Speu, Kampot, Kompong Chhnang, Kandal, Kratie, Prey Veng, Siem Reap, Svay Rieng and Takeo). Over 143 discussion groups were organized throughout the 12 provinces.

NDI and its local NGO partners selected participants in the DISCUSS sessions on the basis of strict criteria. Participants were selected and recruited from all communes in each district of the 12 provinces. The DISCUSS group was composed of 20 participants with a fair balance of geographic and gender representation.

The following is the criteria for discussion group participant selection:

- All participants should be more than 18 (the legal voting age).
- The NGOs should screen the participants to make sure that they do not represent any partisan interest or introduce partisan issues or activities during the meeting. The DISCUSS meeting is a forum for citizens to discuss important local problems and issues and should be free from any partisan influence.
- They should be active community members who are well linked and understand community issues.
- In the case of professional sector groups (health, education, etc), they should include civil servants, NGOs and private sector.
- All professional participants should have positions at the commune level and below to ensure local level participation.
- 100% of the communes at the district level should be represented.
- The participants must have basic levels of literacy for reading and writing.

Population sectors (Focus Group)

1. Farmers (land and water based/fishermen)

- Balance between sectors of farming.
- Balanced between farmers cultivating irrigated and non-irrigated land
- Balanced between farmers who own land (3-5 hectares and below) and those who own land less than 1 hectare.

2. Women

- Balance of civil servants, civil society and private sectors.

- Balance between young and old women

3. Commune Council

- Multi-party when possible (Commune Council members can be recruited to ensure multi-party representation.)

4. Civil Servants

- Balance of administrators and practitioners (chief of commune agriculture/rural development, agriculture/rural development extension workers, etc.)
- Balance of sectors

5. Youth

- Have 60% in school youth and 30% out of school youth.
- Must be between 18 and 22 years old.

6. Civil Society

- Registered and non-registered NGOs and community based organizations (CBOs) or associations.
- Balance of sectors

7. Education Sector Practitioners

- Balance of Administrators and Practitioners (school directors, teachers, etc.)
- Balance of public and private practitioners

8. Private Sector

- Balance of sectors (business, services, agriculture, health, etc.)

9. Medical Sector Professionals

- Balance of administrators, practitioners and private sector (chief of health center, doctors/nurses, midwives, traditional birth attendants, private clinics, pharmacies, etc.)

10. Elderly

- People over 55 years old
- Should come from different sectors

11. Laborers

- Must be more than 18 years old and of voting age.
- Active in the labor force
- Balance between farm laborers and factory workers (where possible)

All DISCUSS sessions were held at the district level in a neutral and non-partisan location or facility.

The data gathered from the discussion groups provided valuable information to NDI about the major issues affecting people in those provinces. NDI has used this general information to develop questions for the voter guides. In the interest of impartiality and fairness to all political parties, only NDI was involved in the final development of questions for the voter guides.

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONS (BY PROVINCE)

BANTEAY MEANCHEY

Question One: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve the irrigation system to ensure an adequate supply of water for agricultural use?

Question Two: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of schools in Banteay Meanchey?

Question Three: Social Affairs

What does your party propose to do to address the plight of the poor and impoverished in Banteay Meanchey?

Question Four: Economics

What is your party's solution to make prices for goods at local markets more stable?

BATTAMBANG

Question One: Economics

What does your party propose to do about the plight of the poor and impoverished in Battambang?

Question Two: Education

What does your party propose to do about the lack of primary schools in Battambang?

Question Three: Social Security

What does your party propose to do to remove the danger of landmines in Battambang?

Question Four: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve the irrigation system to ensure an adequate supply of water for agricultural use?

KAMPONG CHAM

Question One: Economics

Does your party support taking measures to raise the sale price of local products at markets to improve the income of local producers? If yes, what measures will you take? If not, why not?

Question Two: Social Security

What does your party propose to do to curb the prevalence of domestic violence in Kampong Cham?

Question Three: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of water sources available for farmers in Kampong Cham?

Question Four: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of primary school teachers in Kampong Cham?

KAMPONG CHHNANG

Question One: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve irrigation and dams in Kampong Chhnang?

Question Two: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the construction of schools in Kampong Chhnang to improve access to education?

Question Three: Health

In order to improve access to basic health care in Kampong Chhnang, what would your party do to ensure more hospitals and clinics are built?

Question Four: Economics

In order to promote locally produced goods, does your party feel that it is important to limit the inflow of foreign products? Why or why not?

KAMPONG SPEU

Question One: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to increase the water supply for rice and other agricultural produce in Kampong Speu?

Question Two: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of trained primary school teachers in Kampong Speu?

Question Three: Health

What does your party propose to do to increase the supply of medicine to local hospitals and clinics in Kampong Speu?

Question Four: Law

What does your party propose to do to curb corruption and injustice by local authorities in Kampong Speu?

KAMPOT

Question One: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve irrigation systems and dams in Kampot in the interest of agricultural development?

Question Two: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of primary schools in Kampot to improve access to education?

Question Three: Health

What would your party do to build more hospitals and clinics in Kampot?

Question Four: Transportation

What does your party propose to do to construct and maintain roads in and between villages in Kampot?

KANDAL

Question One: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve irrigation systems and dams in Kandal?

Question Two: Social Security

What does your party propose to do to curb the prevalence of domestic violence and abuse in Cambodia?

Question Three: Economics

Does your party support lowering the interest rate to encourage borrowing in the interest of economic development in Cambodia? Why or why not?

Question Four: Education

What does your party propose to do to encourage students not to drop out of school?

KRATIE

Question One: Economics

What does your party propose to do to make Cambodian goods more attractive for export to foreign markets?

Question Two: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to help farmers in Kratie so that they can afford to purchase more rice seeds to increase their crops?

Question Three: Health

What does your party propose to do to address the lack of safe drinking water in Kratie?

Question Four: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of primary schools in Kratie?

PREY VENG

Question One: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve irrigation systems and dams in Prey Veng?

Question Two: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of primary schools in Prey Veng?

Question Three: Health

What does your party propose to do to improve the standard of performance of doctors and medical staff in Prey Veng?

Question Four: Transportation

What does your party propose to do to construct and maintain roads in and between villages in Prey Veng?

SIEM REAP

Question One: Education

What does your party propose to do to construct more schools in Siem Reap?

Question Two: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do about a lack of available seeds for rice and other vegetables, which limits agricultural production?

Question Three: Transportation

What does your party propose to do about a lack of usable roads in Siem Reap?

Question Four: Economics

What does your party propose to do improve capital investment in the interest of economic development in Siem Reap?

SVAY RIENG

Question One: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve the skills of farmers?

Question Two: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of schools in Svay Rieng?

Question Three: Economics

What does your party propose to do to address the needs of the poor, especially those without sufficient food, in Svay Rieng?

Question Four: Law

What does your party propose to do to curb the prevalence of domestic violence in Svay Rieng?

TAKEO

Question One: Transportation

What does your party propose to do to improve the quality of roads in Takeo?

Question Two: Agriculture

What does your party propose to do to improve the water supply for agriculture?

Question Three: Economics

What does your party propose to do to improve the standard of living for the poor and impoverished in Takeo?

Question Four: Education

What does your party propose to do to increase the number of schools to improve access to education?

XVII. VOTER GUIDE SURVEY PACKET

This resource was developed by NDI and *Internews*, NDI's partner in the Philippines, in the lead up to the senatorial elections in 2007. This provides another example from a different context of how to frame a voter guide for candidates, as well as examples of survey questions and explanations of how those questions were developed.

VOTER GUIDE SURVEY PACKET

26 March 2007

[name of candidate]

Senatorial Candidate, [party or coalition]

[HQ address]

Through:

[contact person, if not the candidate himself/herself]

Dear _____:

Greetings!

Newsbreak Online, a publication of Public Trust Media Group Inc., is coming up with voters' guides that will feature the position of senatorial candidates on select issues and sectors. The surveys of all 37 candidates for the Senate are conducted with the support of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a non-partisan, non-governmental organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide. (For more information on the Institute, please see www.ndi.org.)

We invite you to participate in **Survey No. 1**, where you will be asked to answer in writing **three questions**—one each on pork barrel allocation, legislative agenda, and political and electoral reform. Your responses to these questions will be uploaded weeks before the mid-term elections on a website specially designed for the project (www.philvoters.net), but which is linked to *Newsbreak Online*'s home page (www.newsbreak.com.ph).

We request that your responses reach us by **April 10, Tuesday**. You may submit them by:

Email - elections2007@newsbreak.com.ph (Document should be in Word format. Please write in the "Subject" field: NDI Survey No. 1-Surname of Candidate)

Fax – 687-5528 (Attention: Miriam Grace Go/NDI Survey No. 1)

Mail – To: Miriam Grace Go, Room 1402-A West Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City (Document should be in Word format)

We shall immediately acknowledge receipt of survey responses.

This survey packet includes the following documents:

Background on the Selection of Survey Questions

Survey Rules, Guidelines, and Instructions (signed copy should be returned to *Newsbreak Online*, together with the responses to survey questions)

Survey Questions.

If you have any questions, you may contact us at 687-5523 and 687-5525.

Yours truly,

MIRIAM GRACE A. GO

Project Manager

Noted by:

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Executive DirectorPublic Trust Media Group Inc.

BACKGROUND ON THE SELECTION OF SURVEY QUESTIONS

In identifying questions for Survey No. 1 of the voters' guide project, *Newsbreak Online* and NDI ran through a list of national issues that involve the official conduct of lawmakers or that can be addressed by legislation. Specifically:

A. Pork Barrel Allocation

There has been public perception—and this is because of publicized findings of anti-corruption watchdogs, audit agencies, and the media—that lawmakers often misuse their pork barrel fund, which is intended to deliver services to their constituents. Such unlawful or improper diversion of funds may be avoided if voters have clear and specific lists of projects against which they can check the performance of each lawmaker.

B. Legislative Agenda on Job Security and Employment Opportunity

For almost eight years now, quarterly surveys of the polling firm Pulse Asia Inc. have shown that there are four personal concerns that are consistently considered the most “urgent” by Filipinos of voting age. One of these concerns is finding and keeping gainful employment. We have chosen to ask lawmakers how they, through their legislative function, intend to help provide jobs to their constituents. Most other top personal concerns of Filipinos are hinged on being gainfully employed, i.e. having enough to eat every day and giving themselves or their children quality education.

C. Political and Electoral Reform

Every time the issue of revising the Constitution is brought up, lawmakers come under fire for supposedly pushing for changes that will benefit only them, taking away the public's attention from the possible merits of various proposals. One such proposed change is to shift our form of government from presidential to parliamentary—a matter that recently drew a clear line between senators who are against it and district representatives who are in favor of it. Where does the next batch of senators stand on this issue?

COMMUNITY PLATFORM QUESTIONNAIRE

Date _____ Code _____ Commune/Municipality _____ Town/Village _____

Which are the most important issues that must be solved by Local Government, in your town/village according to the follow areas?

CHOOSE THREE (3) FROM EACH SQUARE, put:

1 – for the most important;

2 – for the second from the importance, *or*

3 – for the third from the importance

<p>What do you think, how can the Local Government be more transparent to citizens?</p> <p>____ Announcements related to local council meetings</p> <p>____ Publication of council decisions</p> <p>____ Arrangement of frequently meetings with citizens.</p> <p>____ Citizen Information Office</p> <p>____ Other _____</p>	<p>How do you think to monitor the accomplishment of these issues?</p> <p>____ Frequently accountable meetings with local officials</p> <p>____ Participating in local council meetings</p> <p>____ Creating citizen councils close to the Municipality/Commune</p> <p>____ Direct observation</p> <p>____ Other _____</p>	<p>In chosen areas which would be your contribution to give?</p> <p>____ Time</p> <p>____ Professional skills</p> <p>____ Dedication</p> <p>____ Other _____</p>
<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>____ Water</p> <p>____ Water pipelines system</p> <p>____ Garbage collection and disposal</p> <p>____ Public lighting</p> <p>____ Greenness of public spaces</p> <p>____ Roads</p> <p>____ Schools</p> <p>____ Urban transport</p> <p>____ Health center</p> <p>____ Civil services of certifications</p> <p>____ Other _____</p>	<p>Economic Development</p> <p>____ Property issues</p> <p>____ Employment</p> <p>____ Credits</p> <p>____ Agriculture</p> <p>____ Farming</p> <p>____ Stimulating policies to business</p> <p>____ Tourism</p> <p>____ Other _____</p>	<p>Social Development</p> <p>____ Education</p> <p>____ Professional courses</p> <p>____ Public health</p> <p>____ Culture tradition</p> <p>____ Social or economic assistance</p> <p>____ Other _____</p>

1. Would you advocate for the most important priority?

Yes / No

2. Would you want to participate as local domestic monitors in local elections?

Yes / No

3. Are you going to vote in local elections?

Yes / No

XIX. COMMUNITY PLATFORM IN SYNEJ

This is an example of a community platform developed by citizens in Synej, Albania based on the information collected through the community platform survey and other discussions with community members. It outlines community priority areas and was presented to candidates in the lead up to local elections in 2007.

NDI-CIVIC SOCIETY

In November 2006-January 2007, fifty seven (57) communities (including thirty four (34) new areas and the old ones where Civic Forum has been active) in North, South and the Middle of Albania, through two informal methodologies:

1. conducting the Community Platform' Survey (2480) and
2. discussions with community members by knocking door to door, neighborhood to neighborhood came out with eighty-eight (88) priorities, mainly related to the improvement of infrastructure, better and transparent governance.

COPY OF COMUNITY PLATFORM IN SYNEJ

We are a group of citizens from Synej Commune which is part of Constituency Zone # 49.

Our group comprises farmers, school teachers, nurses, mechanics, veterinaries, housewives /househusbands, and other commune residents. Our commitment is based on citizens' free and voluntary participation to improving life in the community. Our experience covers a 3-4 years period and includes activities such as: meetings with the elected representatives to report back on their promises, participation at the local council meetings on the budget issues, common *citizens-commune* projects where the citizens have contributed voluntary; participation at the *citizen-politicians* dialogues. As responsible citizens and voters, at the eve of the **2007 Local Elections** we decided to develop and announce the **Community Platform**.

OUR GOAL:

- Strengthening the communication bridges between the citizens and the elected representatives.
- Becoming part of the open and democratic decisionmaking for the development of the community.
- The direct exposition of our priorities along the alternatives proposed by the mayoral candidate.
- Representation of all community at discussions with the mayoral candidate.
- The use of the Platform as a strong tool for voting for the most reliable and trustworthy candidate.

The development of this Community Platform followed a process of gathering the feedback of citizens through a questionnaire that was distributed and filled by a representative number of citizens based upon a right balance between gender and age groups. After a rigorous analysis of the data gathered through the questionnaire, the following was identified:

The priority issue identified by the citizens of Synej community at the eve of 2007 Local Election is: The reconstruction of the canalization network in the Synej community.

Other priority issues identified by the citizens of Synej community at the eve of 2007 Local Election are: a) **Infrastructure:** canalization, drinking water, roads, b) **Economic Development:** loan possibilities, new jobs, development of agriculture; c) **Social Development:** professional training courses, social assistance/ economic assistance; education. d) **Transparency:** publication of the council decisions, organization of frequent meetings with citizens, the citizens' information office. e) **Relationship between the elected representative and citizens:** establishment of citizens' boards near the local government and their participation at the meetings of the Commune Council, frequent accountability meetings with elected representatives.

We the citizens of Synej Commune believe that we contribute to the development of your concrete programs based on our issues and concerns. As citizens and voters we will advocate with the representatives of the local government to find solutions of our priority issues.

January 2007

XX. MP PERFORMANCE MONITORING TOOL

This monitoring worksheet was developed by NDI and its partners in Albania as a tool for citizens to monitor newly-elected MPs post-election. Citizens identify their MP's campaign promises and then comment on the MP's progress in fulfilling those promises. The form was then given to the MP to improve communications with his or her constituency.

MP PERFORMANCE MONITORING TOOL

Is:

A simple monitoring tool, understandable, practical that can be used from citizens that wants to take responsibility and build effective collaborative relations with Members of Parliament.

Aim of use:

- Monitoring of Deputy performance based on priorities of campaign
- Promotion and deputy support for the realization of the engagements.
- Strengthen of relationships and communications between voters and deputy-on going.

This monitoring tool is composed from two pages:

First page is used as a notes document about general and information notes for deputy included: address, his position in parliamentary commission, priorities, is/her engagements campaign to represent and defend your interests as voters. First page is an unchangeable document that is used from citizens every time during deputy mandate.

Second page is used referring first page. You as citizens after having a full information for the deputy, his/her engagement and priorities during electoral campaign, can monitor and evaluate changes that happened and reflect this changes on the second page periodically.

On the second page are included some indicators that measures this changes: Deputy performance progress on priorities during electoral campaign, supporting voters through voting process in parliament, frequency of parliamentary sessions, buildings relationships with voters, constituent responsibility and moral of deputy.

MP PERFORMANCE MONITORING TOOL

Deputy Name _____

Political Party _____

1. Is this the first mandate of your deputy?

a) Yes b) No c) I don't know

- If yes, which political party has he represented?

2. In which parliamentary commission take part your deputy?

Address and contact info in Tirana:

Address and electoral office contact:

Address and party office contact:

3. 5 priorities of campaign:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

4. Electoral Campaign is composed through:

- Booklets
- Meetings with citizens
- Public hearings
- Direct debates
- Televised debates
- Newspapers
- Door to door

MP PERFORMANCE MONITORING TOOL

Honorable Deputy, _____

This is a monitoring tool that reflects citizens thoughts based on your performance in parliament and your engagement as a representative of voters interests. This is not a monitoring tool to oppose; it helps to identify the gap deputy-voters and to improve the communication between them.

1. 5 priorities progress:

- a) Draft legislation b) Parliamentary Laws c) Discussions in commissions
d) Intermediation with local and central governments units
e) No progress f) I don't know

(Choose more than 1 alternative)

2. Presence on Parliamentary sessions:

- a) Has been present b) Haven't been present c) I don't know

(Choose 1 alternative)

3. Meeting with voters:

- a) Private meetings b) Preliminary announcements c) Public meetings

(Choose more than 1 alternative)

4. His electoral office is open for the voters in:

Dates: _____

Hours: _____

5. Relationships with voters are maintained through:

- a) Booklets b) Local meetings c) Meetings in Tirana
d) Questionnaires e) Door to door f) Media

(Choose more than 1 alternative)

6. Do you think your deputy is working for:

- a) Voters interests b) Specials interests c) His/her group interests
d) Country interests

(Choose more than 1 alternative)

Comments _____

XXI. GOOD GOVERNANCE PLEDGE

This pledge was developed by NDI's partner in Albania in the lead up to the 2007 mayoral elections. By signing the pledge, the candidates promised that if they were elected, they would govern transparently and work to ensure government accountability to citizens.

CANDIDATE'S PLEDGE

I, the undersigned Mr/Ms XXX XXXX, Mayoral candidate of the Party XXX for the Municipality/ Commune of XXXX, hereby pledge to implement the following general principles of Good Governance:

Principles of Good Governance

GOOD GOVERNANCE MEANS:

- (i) Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community including citizens and service users and creating and implementing a vision for the local area
- (ii) Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles
- (iii) Promoting the values of the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through behavior
- (iv) Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk
- (v) Developing the capacity and capability of members to be effective and ensuring that officers – including the statutory officers - also have the capability and capacity to deliver effectively
- (vi) Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust local public accountability.

XXII. GOOD GOVERNANCE MONITORING FORM

This form was developed by NDI and its partner in Albania as a tool for citizens to monitor the extent to which newly-elected mayors that had signed the good governance pledge were following through on that pledge post-election.

“Good governance is perhaps the single most important factor in eradicating poverty and promoting development.” – former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan

GOOD GOVERNANCE MONITORING FORM

PLEDGE: To develop local democracy and encourage citizens to participate actively in the development of their communities.

1. Does Mayor provide access to information for all public meetings within legal requirements?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

2. Does the Council encourage citizen participation in municipal council meetings, especially budget meetings?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

3. Does the Mayor and Council hold public meetings and respond to citizen feedback?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

PLEDGE: To provide leadership for and with the community and engage in effective partnerships

4. Does the Mayor respond to community groups and facilitate partnerships?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

PLEDGE: To perform a stewardship role which protects the interests of local people and makes the best use of resources

5. Does the Mayor work to protect green space and urbanization?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

6. Does the Mayor protect against illegal construction?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

PLEDGE: Should take transparent decisions and ensure the delivery of high quality local services

7. Does the Mayor and Council provide notice and explanation of local government decisions?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

8. Does the Mayor report to the Council about the economic-financial state of the community at least every 6 months or more frequently and every time it is demanded by the council?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

9. Does the Mayor and Council provide high quality local service?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

PLEDGE: Develop the capacity and the capability of members to be effective in performing the daily duties and provide high level of honesty and integrity in local government.

10. Does the Mayor serve as an example in the fight against local corruption?

Never	Usually not		Usually	Always
1	2	3	4	5

Examples _____
