

# **Electoral Transparency: Eight Keys to Integrity**

**Asian Electoral Stakeholder Forum III**

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## **Preamble**

**Reaffirming that the holding of periodic, free, and fair elections based on secret ballots and universal suffrage is the true expression of the sovereignty of the people;**

**Adhering to the principles enshrined in the Bangkok Declaration on Free and Fair Elections and to the rights and principles proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Universal Declaration on Democracy;**

**Committed to strengthening utilization of the Indicators of Democratic Elections adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Electoral Stakeholders Forum held in Dili, Timor-Lest on March 18-19, 2015;**

**Recognizing that confidence in electoral integrity depends on the transparency of all aspects of the electoral process and that both election management bodies and civil society have important roles to play in assuring electoral integrity. While also considering the diversity and uniqueness of the situations and contexts of every country and geographical realm;**

**Now, therefore, we, Asian electoral stakeholders representing both election management bodies (EMBs) and civil society organizations (CSOs), resolve to enhance electoral integrity by working together in a spirit of cooperation between EMBs and CSOs to implement each of the Eight Keys to Integrity:**