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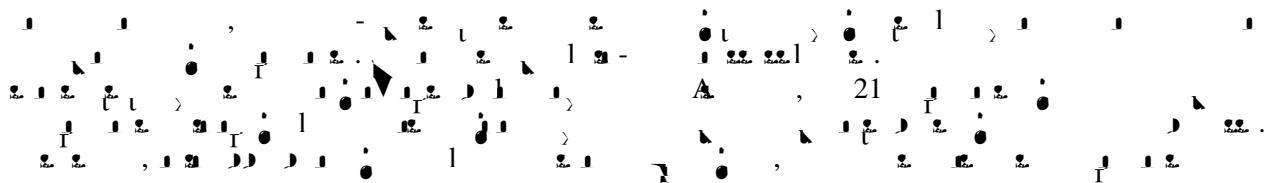


*The free expression of the will of the people* – The popular will, freely expressed through genuine elections, must be the basis for legitimate political power.

and be held at reasonable intervals, in a context that protects other fundamental rights.

*State must take necessary steps to ensure free and fair elections* – States must take

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### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND METHODOLOG

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Table 1. Voter Registration: Obligations, Indicators, and Questions

Obligation	Key Indicators	Sample Analytical Questions
Universal Suffrage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of registered voters</li> <li>Percentage of eligible population registered</li> <li>Number of voters who do not register</li> <li>Percentage of voters who do not register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why do some people not register?</li> <li>What are the barriers to registration?</li> <li>How can we increase registration rates?</li> </ul>
Equal Suffrage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration rates by race/ethnicity</li> <li>Registration rates by education level</li> <li>Registration rates by income level</li> <li>Registration rates by age</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there disparities in registration rates?</li> <li>What factors influence registration rates?</li> <li>How can we ensure equal access to registration?</li> </ul>
Reasonable Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of registration centers</li> <li>Hours of operation</li> <li>Cost of registration</li> <li>Language services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are registration centers accessible to all?</li> <li>Are there any barriers to registration?</li> <li>How can we improve access to registration?</li> </ul>
Reasonable Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarity of instructions</li> <li>Length of process</li> <li>Complexity of forms</li> <li>Availability of assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the registration process clear and easy to follow?</li> <li>Are there any barriers to registration?</li> <li>How can we improve the registration process?</li> </ul>
Equal Access to Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Availability of information</li> <li>Clarity of information</li> <li>Accessibility of information</li> <li>Timeliness of information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do voters have access to the information they need?</li> <li>Is the information clear and easy to understand?</li> <li>How can we improve access to information?</li> </ul>
Cost-Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration fees</li> <li>Cost of materials</li> <li>Cost of transportation</li> <li>Cost of time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there any costs associated with registration?</li> <li>How can we ensure registration is free for all?</li> <li>What are the barriers to registration?</li> </ul>
Freedom of Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freedom of movement</li> <li>Freedom of expression</li> <li>Freedom of assembly</li> <li>Freedom of association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are voters free to move and express their views?</li> <li>Are there any barriers to registration?</li> <li>How can we ensure freedom of movement?</li> </ul>

The first step in the process of reaching overall assessments is to identify the key indicators that are most relevant to the obligation being assessed. This involves a thorough review of the legal and policy framework, as well as a consultation with experts and stakeholders. Once the key indicators have been identified, the next step is to collect and analyze data on these indicators. This can be done through a variety of methods, including surveys, interviews, and focus groups. The final step is to synthesize the findings and reach an overall assessment of the obligation. This assessment should take into account the strengths and weaknesses of the current system, as well as the potential for improvement.

**CONCLUSION: THE CHALLENGE OF REACHING OVERALL ASSESSMENTS**

Reaching overall assessments is a complex and challenging task that requires a thorough understanding of the legal and policy framework, as well as a commitment to transparency and accountability. By following the steps outlined in this report, we can ensure that our assessments are based on sound evidence and that we are able to identify the areas where the most significant improvements can be made.

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