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# The National Women's Councils and Committees (Elections) (Amendment) Regulations, 2003.

(Under section 24 of the National Women's Council Statute, 1993).

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister by section 24 of the National Women's Council Statute, 1993, these Regulations are made this 21st day of February, 2003.

### 1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the National Women's Councils and Committees (Elections) (Amendment) Regulations, 2003.

# 2. Amendment of Regulation 22 of S.I. 74 of 1993

The National Women's Councils and Committees (Elections), Regulations, 1993 is amended by substituting for regulation 22 the following—

## 22. "Mode of elections

- (1) Persons to be elected by members of the National Women's Council referred in section 9 (2) of the National Women's Council Statute, 1993 shall be elected by secret ballot.
- (2) The Election of Chairpersons of Women's Councils at village, parish or ward, subcounty or Town Council or Division in case of a city and District shall be by secret ballot.
- (3) In case of a person to be elected under subregulation (1) or (2) of this regulation, after the person has been nominated, she shall leave the place where the election is to held to enable the persons voting to discuss the merits and demerits of the persons nominated; except that nothing in this subregulation shall deprive a person of her right to vote in the election.
- (4) For the purposes of the election of the members of the council referred to in subregulation (2) other than the Chairpersons, the votes at the polling station shall be given by lining up of electors behind each candidate of their choice for a particular office and the results shall be

ascertained by counting the number of electors lined up behind each candidate.

- (5) The results of the election shall be recorded in Form W.l set out in the Schedules of these Regulations.
- (6) For the avoidance of doubt, no candidate shall be declared a winner unless she has obtained an absolute majority of the members present and voting or has been elected unopposed.
- (7) The poll for any Women's Council election shall not commence before 7.00 a.m in the morning and shall not continue beyond 6.00 p.m in the evening.
- (8) Except as expressly provided in this regulation, elections under this regulation shall be carried out in accordance with such guidelines as the Electoral Commission shall determine.
- (9) The Electoral Commission shall supervise the elections of the Women's Councils and Committees.
- (10) All returning officers and presiding officers shall be appointed by the Electoral Commission".

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