

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS ON POLITICAL PARTY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCING**APPENDIX No. 1****Matrix for collection of information on normative frameworks**

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I. NATURE OF FINANCING REGIMENS (PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND MIXED)	
A. GOVERNMENT DIRECT FUNDING	
1. Conditions for eligibility:	No government direct funding exists.
2. Limits / amounts:	Not applicable (N/A)
3. Fund distribution:	
a. To parties:	
✓ Routine operation	N/A
✓ Electoral campaign	N/A
✓ Research / Capacity building	N/A
✓ Mixed	
b. To candidates:	
✓ Presidency	N/A
✓ Parliament	N/A
c. To party caucus or individual members of parliament/congress	N/A
d. Other organizations:	N/A
4. Election funding:	
a. Internal party elections	N/A
b. Presidential elections	N/A
c. Parliamentary elections	N/A
d. Local municipal elections	N/A
5. Time of	

disbursement:	
a. Before campaign	N/A
b. During campaign	N/A
c. After campaign	N/A
d. Combined	N/A
6. Criteria for distribution:	
a. Equitable (in equal parts)	N/A
b. Proportional to the electoral strength	N/A
c. Parliamentary representation	N/A
d. Mixed methods:	
✓ Equitable and electoral strength	N/A
✓ Electoral strength and parliamentary representation	N/A
✓ Other	
B. INDIRECT GOVERNMENT FUNDING	
1. Objects of financing	
a. Transportation	N/A
b. Publication (printing, mailing and posting)	N/A
c. Exemptions	N/A
d. Grants	N/A
e. Tax benefits	N/A
f. Loans	N/A
g. get-out-the vote campaigns	N/A
h. Political broadcasting	N/A
i. Training	N/A
j. Other	N/A
C. NON-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING: CONTRIBUTIONS RESTRICTIONS	
1. Contribution limits:	There are no limits or restrictions on contributions.
2. Prohibitions:	

a. Individuals / Legal entities	None
b. Foreign donors	None
c. Unions	None
d. Associations / Corporations	None
e. Government contractors	None
f. Anonymous	None
g. Other	
D. LIMITATIONS ON EXPENDITURES	
1. Political parties:	There are no limits on expenditures.
a. Amount	N/A
2. Candidates:	N/A
a. Presidency:	N/A
✓ Amount	N/A
✓ Are election candidates centered?	N/A
b. Parliament:	N/A
✓ Amount	
E. ESTIMATED COSTS OF POLITICAL FINANCING	
1. Previous elections:	
a. Presidency	N/A
b. Parliament	N/A
2. Cost by actors	
a. Political parties	US\$5, 000, 000
a. Candidates	US\$25,000-\$125,000
b. Electoral authority	N/A
3. Funding sources: Amounts / Percentages	
a. Public financing	Does not exist
b. Private financing	N/A
✓ List principal donors	The principal donors are the large business houses and investors.
c. Resources from political party budgets	N/A
d. Other	
4. Allocation: greater	

costs on the campaign	
a. Advertisement (television, radio, press, others)	N/A
b. Staff Salaries	N/A
c. Transportation	N/A
d. Vote buying?	N/A
e. Other	

II. ACCESS TO THE MEDIA	
A. FREE POLITICAL BROADCASTING	
1. Electoral time slots:	
a. Obligatory:	N/A
✓ State-run media (TV, radio and press)	There is no state-run media.
✓ Private media (TV, radio and press)	N/A
b. Voluntary:	
✓ Private media (TV, radio and press)	N/A
2. Type time slots:	
a. Unique (only free political broadcasting)	N/A
b. Principal (paid political broadcasting does not exceed the electoral time slots)	N/A
c. Complementary (paid political broadcasting exceeds the electoral time slots)	N/A
3. Time slots in non-electoral periods	N/A
4. Cost of time slots	
a. Completely free	N/A
b. Reduced fee or State sponsored	N/A

5. Access to time slots:	
a. Per previous election results:	N/A
✓ Number of votes gained	N/A
✓ Positions gained	N/A
✓ Criteria for new political organizations	N/A
b. Combined criteria	N/A
c. Completely free	N/A
6. Production cost (time slots)	
a. Paid by the State	N/A
b. Non-paid	N/A
7. Time granted:	
a. As a whole	N/A
b. To parties and electoral alliances	N/A
c. To candidates	N/A
8. Organizations granting the time slots	N/A
9. Organizations monitoring the time slots	N/A
10. Sanctions	N/A
B. CONTRACTING OF TIME SLOTS	
1. Advertising paid by parties, candidates, etc:	
a. In addition to paid time slots:	
✓ Limits	No limits
b. Resulting from lack of time slots:	
✓ Limits	No limits
✓ Unlimited	
c. Rules and fees for paid advertising	N/A
d. Controller agencies	N/A
e. Radio adds/Publicity spots: Cost per	

minute/second.	
2. Indirect advertising:	
a. Indirect information (positive, negative, neutral)	N/A
b. Journalistic programs	N/A
c. Other	
3. Debate regulations:	No regulations exist.
4. Pre-election polls:	
a. Limits	No limits.
b. Rules guaranteeing technical quality of data	No rules.
5. Regulation for Exit Polls	None
6. Specific dispositions for mass media:	
a. Television	N/A
b. Cable	N/A
c. Press	N/A
d. Satellite TV	N/A
e. Internet	N/A

III. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE			
1. Who discloses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Political parties <input type="checkbox"/> Pongos or donors (a Pongo is a political NGO for fundraising purposes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidates <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Donors
No mandatory disclosure.			
2. What is disclosed?	Not Applicable		
a. Parties:	Not Applicable		
✓ Cash Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated	
✓ In-kind contributions (materials and equipment, including loans)	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated	
✓ Expenditures	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed by categories or itemized, e.g. media, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated or not categorized	
✓ Names of donors	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized listing	<input type="checkbox"/> No donor names listed with contribution amounts	

✓ Addresses of donors	<input type="checkbox"/> Full address	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial address	<input type="checkbox"/> No address required
✓ Names of vendors	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized listing names		<input type="checkbox"/> No names of vendors listed with expenditures amounts
✓ Personal assets	<input type="checkbox"/> Required to be filed		<input type="checkbox"/> Not required to be filed
b. Candidates:	Not Applicable		
✓ Cash Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized		<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated
✓ In-kind contributions (materials and equipment, including loans)	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized		<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated
✓ Expenditures	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed by categories or itemized, e.g. media, etc.		<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated or not categorized
✓ Names of donors	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized listing names		<input type="checkbox"/> No names of donors listed with contribution amounts
✓ Addresses of donors	<input type="checkbox"/> Full address	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial address	<input type="checkbox"/> No address required
✓ Names of vendors	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized listing names		<input type="checkbox"/> No names of vendors listed with expenditures amounts
✓ Personal assets	<input type="checkbox"/> Required to be filed		<input type="checkbox"/> Not required to be filed
3. Do party and candidate expenditure reports record campaign and operational expenses separately? Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Explain: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> No Explain: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
4. Are reporting requirements in this country temporary or permanent, i.e. are they only in effect during an election cycle, or year-round before and after an election? Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary during elections Explain: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Explain: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

<p>5. What kind of monies can the party or candidate legally receive? No restrictions.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Private funds <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign company funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate funds <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign national funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Union funds <input type="checkbox"/> Expatriate nationals' funds living overseas
<p>6. What sources of illicit funds for parties and candidates are suspected?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Illegal funds given over the limit but not declared by corporations, unions, or persons	<input type="checkbox"/> Organized crime <input type="checkbox"/> Drug trafficking funds <input type="checkbox"/> Laundered funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign influence funds <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> No illegal funds are suspected
<p>7. What is the name of the body receiving the financial disclosure reports? N/A</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a governmental body created by statute	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a private body created and funded by government	<input type="checkbox"/> This body is constitutionally created
<p>a. Name:</p>	<p>N/A</p>		
<p>b. Phone No:</p>	<p>N/A</p>		
<p>8. Are there contribution thresholds? (Donations below a certain amount don't have to be reported)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what is the amount of the threshold: \$_____	<p>Explain: N/A</p>	
<p>9. When are the disclosure reports due from politicians or parties? N/A</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Before the election - How many weeks before the election? _____ weeks. - How many reports are required? _____ reports.	<input type="checkbox"/> After the election. - How many weeks after the election? _____ weeks.	
<p>10. How are the reports transmitted to the public? N/A</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy <input type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand copying (copying by hand) <input type="checkbox"/> Gazette or published in local newspapers or bulletins.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify.

11. Rate how easy or how difficult it is to access the public reports? (Difficulty of accessibility) N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
12. How much time elapses between the receipt and dissemination of the report by the election commission? N/A	Fill in the blanks: <input type="checkbox"/> Weeks: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Months _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Years _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Explain:
13. Quality of report criteria:	Not Applicable		
a. Are reports itemized or aggregate figures reported?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash contributions	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Contributions (materials and equipment, including loans)	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed by categories or itemized, e.g. media, etc	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated or not categorized	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Names of donors	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemized listing names	<input type="checkbox"/> No names of donors listed with contribution amounts	
b. Names of donors	<input type="checkbox"/> Full names of donors required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Full mailing address of donor required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is donor's name listed on the report by specific amounts of money contributed?
c. Names of vendors	<input type="checkbox"/> Full names of vendors required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Full mailing address of vendor required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is vendor's name listed on the report by specific amounts of money paid?
d. Categories of expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> Are vendor products or services categorized on the disclosure report? (e.g. media expense, transportation, labor, meals, etc.?)		<input type="checkbox"/> Are vendor purchases listed in aggregate or itemized on expenditure reports?

<p>14. Quality of enforcement criteria:</p>	<p>N/A</p>		
<p>a. What is the name of the body that enforces the disclosure reporting laws?</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Same as electoral commission or body that receives the disclosure reports?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Different body than the one receiving the disclosure reports? Name of body.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is the enforcement body a tribunal or special court?</p>		<p>Explain:</p>
<p>✓ What are the powers of the enforcement body?</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Passive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receive the report with little investigation 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Active:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does it audit reports and conducts investigations? - Have sanctions and fines offenders? - Criminal penalties also possible? 	
<p>✓ Strength and weakness of the enforcement bodies</p> <p>Enforcement bodies do not exist</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Strengths:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Weaknesses:</p>	
<p>✓ What's the reputation of the enforcement body? Check all apply.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Strict</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Strict</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Politically bold and doesn't play favorites</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Politically timid and bends with the power</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respected</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not too respected</p>	
<p>15. Reality check / actual practices criteria:</p>	<p>There are no disclosure laws on the books.</p>		
<p>a. Looking over the above answers, how would you compare the disclosure laws on the books in this nation with the actual practice of disclosure?</p> <p>There are no laws on the books to sustain a comparison with practice.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Distant relationship between the laws on the books and practice of disclosure</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Reasonable degree of fit between books and practices.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent degree of fit between laws and practices</p>

b. Using the Disclosure Ranking in Column 8 of the Latin America Disclosure Table listed below (produced by USAID for the OAS countries) how do your findings correspond with the table?

IV. ENFORCEMENT	
A. CONTROLLER AGENCIES	
1. Nature of regulatory agencies:	
a. Electoral management bodies	Elections and Boundaries Commission
b. Judges with electoral jurisdiction	Magistrate judges are able to make decisions with respect to the voting list and re-districting lines. However, there are no campaign financing laws to enforce.
c. Auditing bodies	Does not exist
d. Combined	
2. Election / Composition of controller agencies:	Elections and Boundaries Commission
3. Functions / Responsibilities:	Enhancement of democracy through the promotion of civic education The maintenance of a legitimate, impartial, valid electoral process
4. Autonomies / Dependencies:	none
5. Institutional capacity:	
a. Financial resources	N/A
c. Human resources	41 people
d. Technical capacity	N/A
6. Internal party controlling mechanisms:	
B. SANCTION REGIMENS	
1. Mechanisms:	None
a. Permanent and systematic oversight	N/A
b. Complaint-based system	N/A
c. Random auditing	N/A

d. Alternative mechanisms (compliance agreements, etc.)	N/A
e. Combined	N/A
2. Sanction regimens:	None
a. Financial penalties:	
✓ Political parties	N/A
✓ Candidates	N/A
✓ Donors	N/A
b. Legal sanctions:	
✓ Political parties	N/A
✓ Candidates	N/A
✓ Donors	N/A
c. Administrative sanctions:	N/A
d. Other sanctions:	N/A
3. Provide examples of sanctions already applied:	
C. CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE AND PUBLIC OVERSIGHT	
a. Incentives for voluntary compliance:	N/A
✓ Training of campaign workers	N/A
✓ Technical assistance	N/A
✓ Provision of material support	N/A
✓ Subsidies for auditing services	N/A
✓ Public education	N/A
b. Public oversight of resources:	N/A
✓ Names of participating civil society organizations	N/A
✓ Initiatives of citizens	N/A
✓ Other	
c. Cases of corruption? If yes, provide examples:	No case has been officially investigated.

V. INFORMATION ABOUT PARLIAMENTS	
1. Total cost to Parliament (Figures from general national budget and Parliament budget)	US\$500,000 is allocated in the general budget. US\$175,101 for allowances.
2. Who is the parliamentary budget administrator?	No such role exists.
3. Cost of each Member of Parliament.	N/A
a. Gross cost (divide total cost by number of Members of Parliament)	US\$4169.07
b. Net Cost (salaries of Members of Parliament)	US\$20,000
4. Parliamentary services (costs of support services, advisors, secretaries, etc.)	US\$130,632.00
5. Allocation of resources: caucus vs. individual.	N/A
6. Access to other resources for parliamentary needs (special funds, resources from political party budgets, etc.)	N/A
VI. LIST OF REGULATIONS ON FINANCING	
VII. BIBLIOGRAPHY LIST RELATED TO POLITICAL FINANCING	
VIII. OTHER ANNEXES	