



## **NAMFREL PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NAMFREL to co-host the 9th Implementation Conference of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) for International Election Observation**

**As a culmination of the yearlong commemoration of its 30th year, the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) will be co-hosting, together with the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL), the 9th Implementation Conference of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) for International Election Observation, on November 12-14, 2014, Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Philippines.**

The DoP was developed in an effort to strengthen the role of the international community in supporting democratic elections around the world. The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) together with the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD), spearheaded the creation of the Declaration, and after several informal meetings in the UN and Washington, was ratified and adopted by more than 140 electoral organizations worldwide. The Carter Center (TCC) joined them in 2003 to form the secretariat, and by October of the same year, the first meeting was held at the TCC Headquarters in Atlanta.

**This is the first time that the Implementation Conference will be held in Asia.** More than 40 participants from international non-governmental organizations will attend to discuss and assess developments in the electoral process and election monitoring. Among the attendees will be representatives from the United Nations Secretariat, African Union, the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, the European Economic Council, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and other election monitoring organizations across the globe.

Electoral Transparency, Observation of New Voting Technologies in Elections and Security in Elections are three of the topics that will be discussed in the DoP Implementation Meeting.

As a prelude to this event, **NAMFREL will also conduct, together with the National Democratic Institute (NDI), a three-day Asian Election Monitoring Organizations Workshop on November 10-11, 2014.** Election monitoring groups from Afghanistan, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Cambodia, Nepal and other Asian countries will attend the workshop. NAMFREL will be sharing its best practices and lessons learned from its 31 years of vast electoral participation experience in the Philippines and abroad.