

UVSS Elections: Complaint 2

Breach of Electoral Policy 6.1.j.i, 6.1.i.a

1. Complaint 2 alleges the same breach of electoral policy discussed in Complaint 1. It adds an additional alleged breach of EPM 6.1.j.i, which states that only one social media page per platform may be used for campaigning.
2. Per the reasoning in Complaint 1, the Office concludes that the pre-existing second profile was used for campaigning.
3. The respondent simultaneously operated a separate campaign profile on the same platform.
4. Therefore, the respondent was in breach of 6.1.j.i.
5. The respondent's breach of social media policy in Complaint 1 resulted in a 24-hour deactivation of their official Instagram profile. As this complaint stems from the same incident, the Office believes this 24-hour deactivation is sufficient remedy to any possible effects on electoral fairness.

The complainant or the respondents may appeal this decision to the Elections Adjudicator within one business day. If the decision is appealed, the sanctions noted above apply until overturned on appeal.

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