

# International Standards of Elections

## International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, General Assembly Resolution 2200A (XXI)

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### **Article 25.**

Every citizen shall have the right and the opportunity, without any of the distinctions mentioned in article 2 and without unreasonable restrictions:

**(a)** To take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives;

**(b)** To vote and to be elected at genuine periodic elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot, guaranteeing the free expression of the will of the electors;...