

## Electoral System Criteria

### **IIAEA Handbook List**

1. Representation
  - a. Provide geographical representation
  - b. Provide ideological representation
  - c. Represent the party-political situation
  - d. “Mirror of the electorate”: gender, ethnicity, wealth, religion, ...
2. Ease of voting
3. Meaningful elections (minimize “wasted” votes)
4. Provide incentives for inclusive party platforms
5. Provide incentives for voters to look beyond own groups (ranked systems, more than one vote)
6. Facilitate stable and efficient government
  - a. System perceived as fair
  - b. Government can enact legislation and govern
  - c. Avoid discriminating against particular parties or interest groups
7. Hold government accountable
  - a. Voters can influence shape of government
  - b. Voters can identify and remove unsatisfactory representatives
8. Encourage development of strong and effective political parties
9. Ensure viable opposition
  - a. Prevent development of “winner take all” attitude
  - b. Preserve checks and balances among branches of government
10. Sustainable process
  - a. Financially not overly burdensome
  - b. Accounts for skills and tools available for administration
11. Consistent with international standards
  - a. Free, fair and periodic elections
  - b. Universal adult suffrage
  - c. Secrecy of ballot and freedom from coercion
  - d. Principle of one person, one vote

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### **LWWA list**

1. Promote “representative-ness”
2. Promote accountability
  - a. Party cohesion
  - b. Reasonable number of parties (not too few, not too many; is two too few?)
  - c. Power of incumbency
3. Promote openness/transparency
4. Promote responsiveness
5. Promote voter participation
6. Reduce election costs
7. Ensure majority support (if single-member districts are used)
8. Promote efficient decision-making and effective legislative performance
9. Provide incentives for inclusion
10. Discourage negative campaigning
11. Encourage sincere voting (not “strategic” voting, of which their example comes from New Mexico)
12. Promote meaningful elections
13. Promote accessible elections