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## **LTA addressing the Supervisory Commission for Elections: Towards a full commitment to implement the Right of Access to Information Law**

On 28/7/2022, the Supervision Commission for Elections (SCE) issued a statement informing the public about the procedures the commission had taken regarding the referral of 592 violations committed by some media outlets to the Court of Publications, in addition to the referral of 25 criminal complaints related to the payment of bribes and the obstruction of the electoral process. The statement has also mentioned the submission by the SCE of the names of candidates and lists who were late or failed to submit their comprehensive statements of accounts to the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities. 356 candidates and 16 lists have failed to do so, and 22 candidates and lists have submitted their statements outside the deadline.

While No Corruption commends this step, which is a significant progress in the performance of the SCE in comparison to its performance in the 2018 elections, the Lebanese Transparency Association - No Corruption calls on the SCE to fully commit to implement the Right of Access to Information Law through the proactive disclosure of the decisions taken by the SCE in accordance with Article 7 of Law no. 28/2017, which obliges public administrations to publish decisions, instructions, circulars and memoranda that include an interpretation of laws and regulations or have an organizational character, within fifteen days from the date of their issuance.

Therefore, the SCE must publish on its website the decisions of referrals it made to the Court of Publications, the Public Prosecution and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities.