

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

Legal Basis

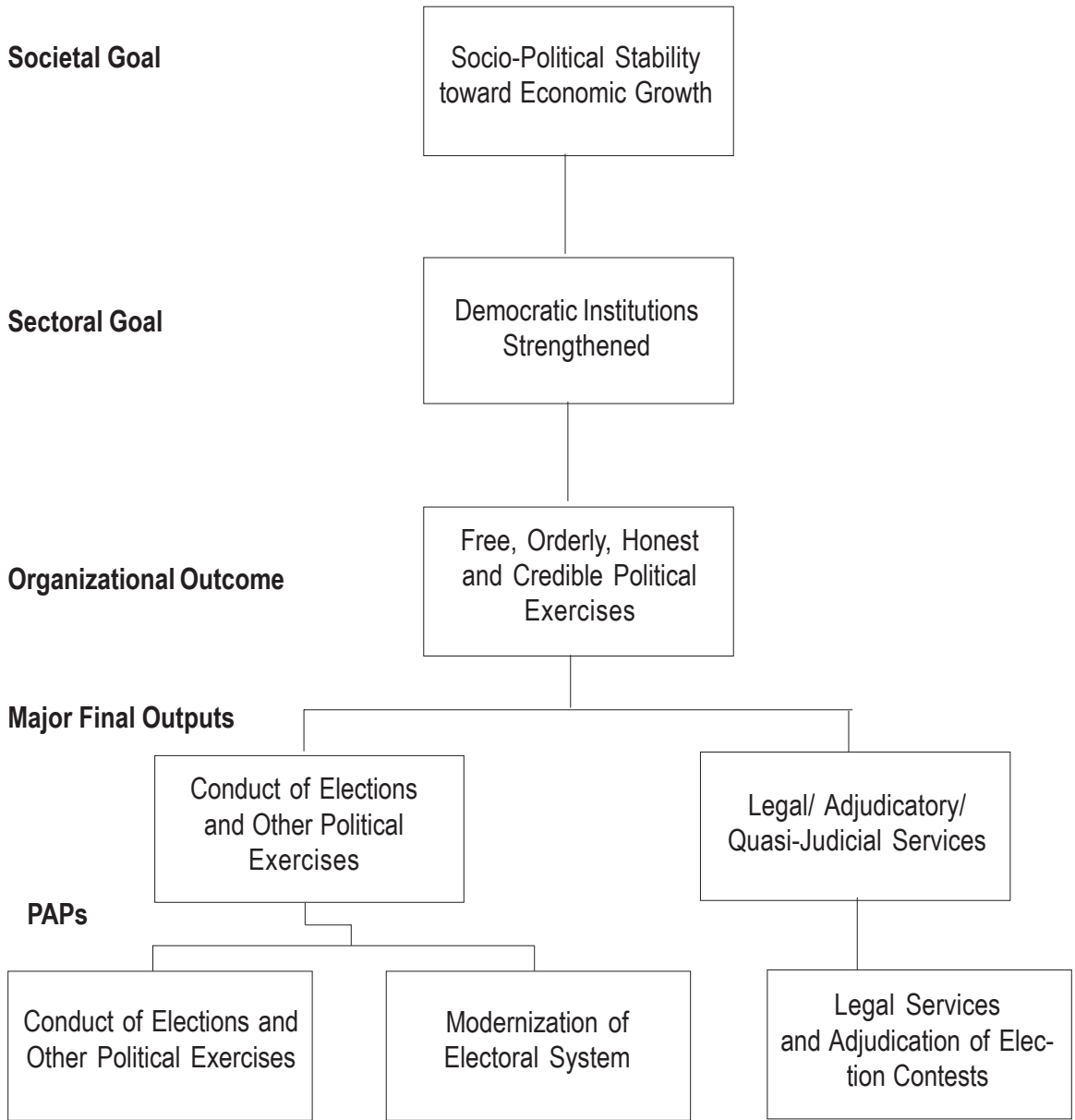
- **Resolution No. 73** (April 11, 1940) provided for a constitutional amendment to the 1935 Constitution to create an independent electoral commission, transferring to it functions exercised by the Department of Interior on the conduct of elections*.
- **Commonwealth Act No. 607** (August 22, 1940) provided for the creation of an independent Commission on Elections.
- **Commonwealth Act No. 657** (June 21, 1941) reorganized the Commission on Elections as a Constitutional body.
- **The Philippine Constitution of 1973 and 1987** provided for the creation of an independent Commission on Elections with the powers and functions of enforcing and administering election laws and supervising the conduct of political exercises.

Mandate

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is the premier guardian of the ballot. Its principal role is to enforce and administer all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of elections, plebiscites, initiatives, referendums and recalls. As protector of the people's right of suffrage, the COMELEC endeavors to faithfully and evenly discharge its solemn constitutional responsibility of ensuring the sanctity of elections.

* On June 17, 1940 a plebiscite (approved on December 2, 1940 by the President of the United States) was conducted ratifying the amendment to the 1935 Constitution on vesting the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) with "constitutional status."

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK (COMELEC)



PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS
(Amounts in Thousand Pesos)

Particulars	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Actual / Amount	Target / Amount	Target / Amount
MFO 1			
Conduct and Supervision of Elections and Other Political Exercises	12,414,707	4,343,855	5,460,016
Complete and cleansed database of Registered Voters	As of Dec. 31, 2007: a) RV-48,190,702 SK- 3,155,025 b) 9,638-disenfranchised c) 43,371-Double & multiple registrants weeded out from the CVL using algorithmic method d)7.65%-Double & multiple registrants in ARMM, adjacent Non-ARMM areas and key areas with large Muslim population based on biometric matching using Automated Finger print Identification System (AFIS) as demonstrated by the 2003 sample fingerprint matching in the ARMM	0 - 5% disenfranchisement 0-.25% double & multiple registrants	0 - .25% disenfranchisement 0 - .25% double & multiple registrants
Posting of complete and cleansed database of registered voters		90% (in ARMM)	
Counting and Canvassing concluded within 25 days			
Manual			
Local Positions	3 days after election day	3 days after election day	
National Positions	22 days after election day		
Automated		within 48 hours	
Local Positions	(May 14, 2007 NLE - June		
National Positions	6, 2007 the 1st 10 Senators)		
Proclamation of elective officials			
Manual			
Local Positions	100% in 7 days	90 - 100% in 72 hrs.	
National Positions	100% in 22 days	(ARMM)	
Automated			
Local Positions		90 - 100% in 36 hrs.	
National Positions		(ARMM)	

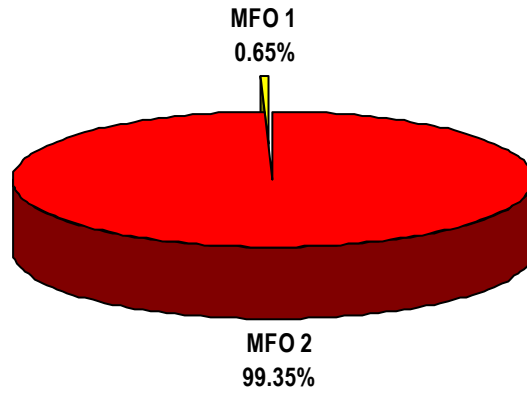
Particulars	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Actual / Amount	Target / Amount	Target / Amount
MFO 2			
Legal/Adjudicatory/Quasi-Judicial Services	31,819	31,244	35,847
Cases Received and/or Filed			
Original (filed directly with Comelec)	9,435	20% decrease in 2007 actual data	40% decrease in 2008 actual data
Appealed	185		
Investigation and Prosecution of Election Offense	3,416	3,585	3,756
Legal Opinions	2,289	2,403	2,485
Legal Research	2,183	2,292	2,401
TOTAL	12,446,526	4,375,099	5,495,863

FY 2009 MFO Budget

By MFO/By Expense Class (In thousand pesos)

Particulars	PS	MOOE	CO	Total	% Share
MFO 1					
Conduct and Supervision of Elections and other Political Exercises	1,494,005	2,499,224	1,466,787	5,460,016	99.35%
MFO					
Legal/Adjudicatory/Quasi-Judicial Servces	33,927	1,920		35,847	0.65%
Total	1,527,932	2,501,144	1,466,787	5,495,863	
% Share	27.80%	45.51%	26.69%		100.00%

By MFO
(Total Budget = P5,495,863,000)



By Expense Class
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