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PROCEDURE

FOR PARTICIPATION OF INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS IN THE ELECTIONS OF DEPUTIES OF MAJLISI NAMOYANDAGON OF MAJLISI OLI OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Procedure for participation of international observers in the elections of deputies to the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan is implemented in accordance with Articles 82 and 12 of the Constitutional Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On the Elections of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan", subject to the requirements of the Convention "On the Standards of Democratic Elections, Electoral Rights and Freedoms in the member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States", ratified by the resolution №918 of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan on October 8, 2003, Document of the Copenhagen Meeting on the Human Dimensions of the Council for Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), adopted June 29, 1990 and sets the procedure for participation, the status and powers of the international observers in the elections of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan.

2. The activity of international observers is governed as per the Constitutional Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on the Elections of Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan, legislative acts, ratified by the Republic of Tajikistan and this Procedure.

3. The presence of international observers is conducive to openness and publicity of elections, observance of international obligations of states.

II. INVITATION AND ACCREDITATION OF INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS

4. Invitations regarding the participation of international observers to participate in the elections of Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan are sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan to foreign states and international organizations after the publication of the Presidential Decree on the appointment of the date of elections.

5. International observers are accredited by the Central Commission on Elections and Referendums of the Republic of Tajikistan in accordance with the established procedure in the presence of invitations. The deadlines for submission and registration of applications for accreditation of international observers are determined by the Central Commission on Elections and Referendums of the Republic of Tajikistan.

6. A copy of the passport and the observer's application form, which is determined by the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of the Republic of Tajikistan must be attached to the accreditation application.

7. Upon accreditation, international observers receive a certificate in the form established by the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Tajikistan. This certificate grants international observers the right to observe during the preparation and conduct of the elections.

8. The activities of international observers commence after their accreditation be the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Tajikistan and terminate after the announcement of the preliminary election results of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan.

III. STATUS AND POWERS OF

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS

9. International observers carry out their activities freely. The material and financial support for international observers is provided by the party that sent them or from their own funds.

10. International observers are under the protection of the Republic of Tajikistan on the territory of the country. To ensure their safety during the election process, international observers inform the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Tajikistan in advance about the traffic routes.

11. International observers have the right to:

• access the legal documents and other materials that regulate the electoral process;

• meet with political parties participating in the elections and with individual candidates;

• be present at the polling stations and in the voting premises, including on the day of voting;

• observe the voting process, the counting of votes, and the determination of results in conditions that allow observation of the ballot counting;

• become acquainted with the results of the consideration of complaints and appeals related to violations of election law;

• inform representatives of the election commissions of their observations, without interfering in their work;

• openly express their opinions about the preparation and conduct of the elections after the voting process is completed;

• submit their conclusions about the electoral process to the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Tajikistan.

12. International observers do not have the right to:

• be present in the voting booth when voters are marking their ballots;

• influence voters, distribute any propaganda materials;

• express preferences for political parties, candidates, or the electoral process;

• ask voters for whom they voted;

• base their conclusions on facts that are not substantiated by evidence and cannot be verified;

• use their position to perform any act unrelated to observing the election process.

13. International observers are obligated to:

• comply with the Constitution, laws of the Republic of Tajikistan, and international documents;

• carry their international observer accreditation certificate and present it upon the request of the election commissions;

• perform their duties based on the principles of political neutrality, impartiality, refraining from expressing any form of preference, evaluating election commissions, state authorities, other officials, and participants in the electoral process;

• not interfere with the election process;

 • base their conclusions on observations and factual materials.

14. The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Tajikistan may annul the accreditation of international observers if they violate the laws of the Republic of Tajikistan, recognized international principles, or standards under international law.