

DECISION

of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan
on the installation of webcams in the polling stations during the Presidential Elections
appointed to April 11, 2018

Pursuant to the election legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the processes of preparation and conduct of elections, making the results official, as well as, the activity of the commissions shall be transparent to voters.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has always facilitated regular activity, specially, observation of transparency institutions in the processes of preparation and conduct of elections to ensure compliance with the requirements of the legislation. Sustainable activities have been carried out to display voters' lists regularly, to publicize of the information on the voter turnout in the voting, voting procedures and preliminary voting results to voters and to make the publicity familiar with the processes underway and facilities of relevant Automated Information System and mass media have also been used effectively in that process.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has installed webcams in 500 (five hundred) of the existing polling stations (nearly 10%) and later in 1000 (thousand) (nearly 20%) since 2008 as additional activities in elections and referendum to ensure the observation of the voting process by wide publicity without an observer status and coming to the polling station, dealing with election (referendum) documents by the members of Precinct Election Commissions, facilitating voters to vote without any illegal intervention, casting ballot papers in ballot boxes, observing the processes of determining and making the results official, thereby ensuring transparency further.

The number of the countries using this successful practice estimated highly by a large number of local and international election actors who had monitored the election procedures in the country so far, is highly rising.

Therefore, the Central Election Commission reckons that this tradition shall be adhered to also in the Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan on April 11, 2018 and after defining following technical and other conditions to ensure effective and incessant broadcasting by webcams, they shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on 119 election constituencies, upon the principle of covering the whole territory of the republic excluding the areas occupied by Armenia.

By assuming the above-mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 25.2.10, 25.2.16, 28.2, 28.4, 40.1 and 110 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Rules for the installation and usage of webcams in polling stations", CEC **decides:**

1. Webcams shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on 119 election constituencies, in order to monitor the election process in polling stations since the start till the end on the voting day of the Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to April 11, 2018.
2. Relevant activities shall be carried out to define necessary technical and other conditions for the installation of webcams upon the principle of covering the whole

territory of the republic excluding the areas occupied by Armenia and ensuring effective and incessant broadcasting opportunities.

3. When the process has ended, list of the polling stations where webcams have been installed shall be published at least 2 days prior to the voting day.

4. Relevant bodies shall be charged with the implementation of the decision within their competence.

5. Decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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