

DECISION

of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan
on the installation of webcams in the polling stations during the early Elections to the
Milli Majlis, appointed to September 1, 2024

Pursuant to Article 40.1 of the Election Code (hereinafter referred to as - the Election Code) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the activity of the election commissions shall be transparent to voters.

Necessary steps were taken to prepare and conduct early Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed on September 1, 2024 at a high level, comprehensive conditions and ample opportunities were created for the participants of the election process. A large number of local and international (foreign) observers, including media representatives and various institutions of transparency participate freely and independently in the election campaign without any obstacles.

Along with various methods and means used in the elections, the effective application of the latest innovative achievements of information and communication technologies on the voting day fully ensures incessant monitoring the processes in the polling stations from the beginning to the end, without interruption, to carry out a full and comprehensive observation, thus fully guaranteeing transparency on a larger scale.

In addition to all other means, since 2008 the practice of using webcams has been successfully applied in the elections and referendums held in the country on a platform open to everyone to follow the processes at polling stations on Election Day completely and continuously in real time by internet users without any registration required for this purpose. Webcams installed firstly in 500 and later in 1,000 polling stations allow easy observation of all the procedures, including working with election documents by members of precinct election commissions, vote counting, voting results all procedures, including determination of the results and tabulation, thus ensuring openness and transparency further. Numerous institutions of transparency, local and international (foreign) observers, media representatives, as well as professional election experts who participated in the monitoring of the elections held in the country, evaluated the use of webcams as a progressive achievement, a number of countries benefited this effective experience in their election practice and took steps for the implementation of similar projects.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter - the Central Election Commission) adopted the "Rules on installation and use of webcams in election precincts", which contains general rules for ensuring transparency and regulation of this process by public monitoring the voting process through webcams on the voting day.

Taking into account the above-mentioned, as well as this successful experience, which directly serves to further increasing transparency of the Election Day processes,

webcams shall be installed in 1000 (one thousand) polling stations on 119 election constituencies across the country and the list of those polling stations shall be published within the necessary technical and other conditions to ensure effective and consistent broadcasting opportunities of the voting process through webcams in the early Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to September 1, 2024.

By assuming the above-mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 25.2.16, 28.2, 28.4, 40.1 and 110 of the Election Code and items # 1.1 and 2.2 of the " Rules on installation and use of web cameras in election precincts", CEC **d e c i d e s**:

1. Webcams shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on 119 election constituencies, for the purpose of easy observation of all the procedures, including working with election documents by members of precinct election commissions, vote counting, voting results all procedures, including determination of the results and tabulation on the voting day in the early Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to September 1, 2024.
2. The relevant activities shall be carried out to provide necessary technical and other conditions for the installation of webcams.
3. The list of the polling stations where webcams have been installed shall be published (the list is attached).
4. Decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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