

## DECISION

of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
on the installation of webcams in the polling stations during the Municipal Elections,  
appointed to January 29, 2025

One of the most important criteria for the preparation and conduct of elections, based on the requirements of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter – the Election Code), is the transparency of all stages of the process to the public.

Necessary steps were taken to prepare and conduct the Municipal elections, appointed to January 29, 2025 at a high level, comprehensive conditions and ample opportunities were created for the participants of the election process. A large number of observers, including media representatives and various institutions of transparency participate freely and independently in the election campaign.

Along with various methods and means used in the elections, the effective application of the latest innovative achievements of information and communication technologies fully guarantees transparency on a larger scale.

In addition to all other means specified in the legislation, live views of the processes in polling stations through webcams via internet on a platform are 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.

The practice of using webcams has been successfully applied since 2008 in the elections and referendums held in the country. Webcams installed in 1000 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.

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 118 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 Municipal elections, appointed to January 29, 2025.

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 (one thousand) polling stations on 118 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 Municipal elections, appointed to January 29, 2025.
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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