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I N S T R U C T I O N

on organizing the Presidential elections and referendum of the Republic of Azerbaijan outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan

This Instruction was prepared in compliance with Article # 35.6 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (thereupon – Election Code) for regulating the implementation of active election rights of citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan living outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

1. General provisions

1.1. Diplomatic representations and consulate offices of the Republic of Azerbaijan are responsible for the implementation of suffrage of the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan living outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

1.2. Registration of the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan to voter lists who live outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan or who are on long-term foreign business trip is based on the fact of their living outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan for a permanent or longer period of time, as well as being on long-term foreign business trip appointed by the diplomatic representations or consulate offices of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

1.3. If there are not any diplomatic representation or consulate office of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the foreign state on the voting day, or not any election (referendum) precinct (hereinafter referred to as – election precinct) has been organized in the diplomatic representation and consulate office of the Republic of Azerbaijan in comply with the Article 35.6 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, then the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall not participate in the voting in those states.

2. Establishment of election precincts in diplomatic representations and consular offices and the arrangement of the voting

2.1. Election precincts shall be created in the territories settled by voters by the heads of diplomatic representations or consulate offices of the Republic of Azerbaijan at least 30 days prior to the voting day to arrange the voting and counting of the votes, provided that the number of voters registered by the consulate office is more than 50.

2.2. Voters living outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan are registered on an election constituency. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall provide the Central Election Commission (CEC) with the

information on the number of voters who live outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan for a permanent or longer period of time, who are on long-term foreign business trip and who have been registered by the relevant diplomatic representation or consulate office of the Republic of Azerbaijan. CEC shall approve the lists of the relevant election constituencies basing on this information to register the above-mentioned voters during the Presidential election and referendum period.

2.3. The lists of the voters on the election precincts established outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be approved by the relevant Precinct Election Commission (PEC) at least 25 days prior to the voting day on the basis of the information on voters provided by the heads of the relevant diplomatic representations or consulate offices of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3. CEC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall ensure the deliverance of the election documents to the election precincts located in diplomatic representations and consulate offices.

4. When CEC and Constituency Election Commission end the voting, the information faxed by the election precincts located abroad shall be included in the protocol on the result of voting (referendum).

5. The issues on the election precincts established outside the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan and publishing the results of the election and voting (referendum) shall be resolved by the heads of the relevant diplomatic representations and consulate offices of the Republic of Azerbaijan upon taking the local conditions into consideration.

6. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall undertake important measures to keep regular contact with the election precincts organized in the diplomatic representations and consulate offices located abroad.