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RULES

for the accreditation of the organizations conducting “exit-poll” in elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Rules for the accreditation to conduct “exit-poll” shall be regulated by Article 25.2.23 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as – Election Code) and the Rules.

1. Requirements for the persons intending to hold “exit-poll”

1.1. The organizations intending to hold “exit-poll” shall be accredited by Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as – Central Election Commission) for participating in sociological inquiry among voters in the “exit” of the polling stations on the voting day.

1.2. The main goal of conducting “exit-poll” is to familiarize the publicity with the preliminary voting results and estimated statistic data on the electorate basing on the information attained by the voters participated in the voting and by their voluntary participation after having conducted survey at the “exit” of the polling station, as well as, to determine operative anticipation on the voting results.

1.3. Influential legal entities with relevant practice and professionalism in this field can participate as an organization conducting “exit-poll”. When conducting elections non-governmental organizations and foreign legal entities can participate in “exit-poll” related activities pursuant to Article 2.4 of Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On non-governmental organizations (public unions and foundations)”, as well as pursuant to election legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The persons involved in the conduct of “exit-poll” in the name of these organizations, mainly, shall be specialists on electoral law and election system or the persons having certain practice in this field.

2. Requirements for accreditation of “exit-poll”

2.1. “The organizations intending to conduct “exit-poll” shall submit written application on accreditation to the CEC at least 20 days prior to the voting day.

2.2. The application should be attached the following documents:

2.2.1. - the copy of the document on the registration of the organization as legal entity, approved in notary order;

2.2.2. written information on the rules, methods, resources to be used when conducting “exit-poll” by the organization (the number of the persons conducting “exit-poll”, financial-technical aids considered for using when conducting “exit-poll” and so on).

2.3. CEC shall consider each written appeal, investigate the documents submitted together with the appeal and adopt grounded decision on accreditation or refusal from accreditation of the relevant organization within 10 days since the day of its receipt.

3. Final provisions

3.1. Since the enforcement of the Rules, the “Rules for the accreditation of the organizations conducting “exit-poll”” approved by Decision # 22/108 dated September 19, 2008 of the Central Election Commission shall be considered invalid.
