DECISION

of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the installation of webcams in the polling stations during the early Presidential elections appointed to February 7, 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.

Along with all other methods for the purpose of continuous monitoring the voting process from the beginning to the end by internet users in real time through the Internet, creating the necessary conditions for voters to vote, placing the ballots in the ballot box after the voters have voted and at the same time working with the election documents by the members of the precinct election commissions, counting the votes, monitoring the processes of determining and tabulation of the voting results, thus ensuring openness and transparency on a wider scale, webcams have been installed in 500 polling stations during the elections and referendums held in the country since 2008 and later in 1000 polling stations. After having studied this progressive experience, which was highly appreciated by a large number of local and international stakeholders, as well as election experts who followed the course of elections in our country, a number of foreign countries have also put steps for implementing similar projects in their election practices.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter - the Central Election Commission) prepared and 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 republic 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 Presidential elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to February 7, 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 clauses 1.1 and 2.2 of the "Rules on installation and use of web cameras in election precincts", CEC **d e c l d e s**:

1. Webcams shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on 119 election constituencies, for the purpose of continuous monitoring the voting process from the beginning to the end, determining the results of the voting and filling out the protocol on the results of the voting at the polling stations on the voting day in the early Presidential elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to February 7, 2024.

2. The relevant activities shall be carried out to provide with necessary technical and other conditions for the installation of webcams.

3. 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.

CEC Chairman

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