

DECISION

of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

on installation of webcams in election precincts

Pursuant to the election legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the processes of preparation and conduct of elections, making the results official, as well as, the activity of the commissions shall be transparent to voters.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has always facilitated regular activity, specially, observation of transparency institutions in the processes of preparation and conduct of elections to ensure compliance with the requirements of the legislation. Sustainable activities have been carried out to display voters' lists regularly, to deliver the information on the voter turnout in the voting, voting procedures and preliminary voting results to voters and to make the publicity familiar with the processes underway and facilities of "Elections" Automated Information System and meanwhile, the mass media have also been used effectively in that process.

Webcams have been installed in 500 (five hundred) of the existing polling stations (nearly 10%) and later in 1000 (thousand) (nearly 20%) since 2008 as additional activities along with all other means in elections and referendums held in the country to ensure the observation of the voting process by wide publicity without an observer authorities and even without visiting the polling station via internet, providing voters with necessary conditions without any legal interfere, as well as, dealing with election documents by the members of Precinct Election Commissions, casting ballot papers in ballot boxes, observing the processes of determining and making the results official, thereby ensuring transparency further.

As appraised and considered successful by a large number of local and international election actors who had monitored the election procedures so far, many foreign countries with developed election experience also started to apply this prospective improvement in their practice.

Therefore, the Central Election Commission reckons that the trend shall be adhered to also in the Municipal Elections on December 23, 2019 and after defining necessary technical and other conditions to ensure effective and incessant broadcasting by webcams, they shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on 118 election constituencies, within the territories of which elections are held upon the principle of covering the whole territory of the republic excluding the occupied areas. After the activity has been finalized, the list of the polling stations where webcams are to be installed shall be publicized.

By assuming the above-mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 25.2.10, 25.2.16, 28.2, 28.4, 40.1, 110 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Rules for the installation and usage of web cameras in polling stations", approved by the CEC Decision # 5/31, dated 5 June 2013, CEC decides:

1. Webcams shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on 118 election constituencies, within the territories of which elections are held in order to monitor the election process in polling stations from the beginning to the end on the voting day of the Municipal Elections on December 23, 2019.
2. Relevant activities shall be carried out to define necessary technical and other conditions for the installation of webcams upon the principle of covering the whole territory of the republic

excluding the areas occupied by Armenia and ensuring effective and incessant broadcasting opportunities.

3. List of the polling stations where webcams have been installed shall be published.

4. Relevant bodies shall be charged with the implementation of the decision within their competence.

5. Decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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