

**DECISION**  
**of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan**  
**on installation of webcams in the nationwide voting (referendum)**  
**on September 26, 2016**

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

The regular activity of transparency institutions, especially, of observation organization has always been facilitated in the conduct of elections (referendum) to ensure compliance with the requirements of the legislation in the country, thereby carrying out sustainable activities to display voters' lists regularly, to deliver the information on the voter turnout in the voting, voting procedures and preliminary voting results to voters timely and effectively and to make the publicity familiar with the processes underway and facilities of relevant Automated Information System and mass media have also been used effectively in that process.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has installed webcams in 500 (nearly 10%) of the existing polling stations (nearly 10%) and later in 1000 (nearly 20%) starting from 2008 as additional activities in elections and referendum to ensure the observation of the voting process by wide publicity without observer competencies and without visiting the polling station, facilitating voters to vote without any illegal intervention, observation of the process of determination and making the results official by the members of Precinct Election Commissions, thereby ensuring transparency further.

The number of foreign states that practice this prospective experience appraised and considered successful by election experts, also a large number of local and international election actors who had monitored the election procedures so far is increasing.

Therefore, the Central Election Commission reckons that the trend shall be adhered to also in the nationwide voting (referendum) on September 26, 2016, and after defining necessary technical and other conditions to ensure effective and incessant broadcasting by webcams, they shall be installed in 1000 polling stations on 119 election constituencies upon considering the principle of covering the whole territory of the republic excluding the areas occupied by Armenia.

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 and 110 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Rules for the installation and usage of web cameras in polling stations", CEC **decides**:

1. Webcams shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on 119 election constituencies in order to monitor the referendum process in polling stations since the start till the end on the voting day in the nationwide voting (referendum) on September 26, 2016.
2. Relevant activities shall be carried out to define necessary technical and other conditions for the installation of webcams upon considering the principle of covering the whole territory of the republic excluding the areas occupied by Armenia and ensuring effective and incessant broadcasting opportunities.

3. After the process has ended, the list of the polling stations with webcams shall be published no later than 5 days prior to the voting day.

4. Relevant bodies shall be commissioned within their competence to implement the decision.

5. Decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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