ANNEX

to Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 966 dd October 22, 2019

**REGULATION**

**on the Procedure for Organization of Polling Stations under Diplomatic and other Missions of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Foreign States**

*(Annex name as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

This Regulation shall determine, in accordance with the Electoral Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Electoral Code) and the Consular Charter of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the procedure for establishment of polling stations at diplomatic and other missions, consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan in foreign states, formation of precinct election commissions and their operations procedure.

*(Introduction as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

**Chapter I. Procedure for Establishing Polling Stations Abroad**

1. During the election campaign, polling stations (hereinafter referred to as polling stations abroad) may be established under diplomatic and other missions, consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan abroad (hereinafter referred to as diplomatic missions).

*(Item 1 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

2. In the election of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a polling station abroad shall be attached to the constituency, on the territory of which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the MFA) is located.

In elections to the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Chamber), foreign polling stations shall be attached to the relevant constituencies by the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the CEC) in agreement with the MFA.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall submit a proposal on the establishment of a polling station abroad to the CEC at least sixty-five days before the election and in some cases at least ten days before the election.

*(Paragraph 3 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

In cases where the proposal to establish a polling station abroad is submitted at least ten days before the election, together with a proposal, candidates for membership in the precinct election commission under diplomatic missions (hereinafter referred to as the precinct election commission abroad) shall be recommended to the relevant constituency election commission.

*(Item 3 is supplemented with the paragraph according to the decision of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan from July 2, 2021 of No. 1079)*

4. Polling stations abroad shall be established at least sixty days before the election, as a rule, and with the number of voters not less than twenty and not more than three thousand.

If necessary cases, the number of voters on the voter list of foreign polling stations may be less or more than the established number.

5. Voting rooms shall be provided by the heads of diplomatic missions to the precinct election commission abroad without consideration.

*(Item 5 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

6. Information on polling stations abroad shall be made public by diplomatic missions pursuant to local conditions.

This information should reflect:

serial number of the polling station abroad;

address of the polling station abroad;

telephone number of the precinct election commission abroad.

This information shall be posted on the official websites of the CEC and diplomatic missions, as well as on their pages in social networks.

7. Voting on elections to regional, district and city Kengashes of People's Deputies shall not be organized at polling stations abroad.

**Chapter II. Procedure for Formation of Precinct Election**

**Commissions Abroad**

8. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall recommend candidates for membership in a precinct election commission abroad to the relevant constituency election commission to which the precinct is attached for approval at least fifty days before the election.

9. A precinct election commission abroad shall be formed by the constituency election commission consisting of five to nineteen members, including the chairman, deputy chairman and secretary, at least forty days before the election.

The duties of the chairman of a precinct election commission abroad shall be performed by the heads of diplomatic missions, and in the absence of a head, by a diplomatic officer.

If the commission consists of up to seven members, the chairman and secretary shall be elected.

The number of members of the precinct election commission abroad may be increased or decreased if necessary (in case of change of workload and in other cases).

10. After the formation of precinct election commissions abroad, the CEC shall organize the delivery and hand over to them of election documents necessary for the organization of elections through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in particular, ballot papers, ballot boxes, secret ballot booths, seal of the precinct election commission abroad, plastic seals, and others.

**Chapter III. Inclusion of Citizens Abroad in the Voter List**

11. Lists of voters at polling stations abroad shall be compiled on the basis of information provided by the heads of diplomatic missions.

*(Paragraph 1 of item 11 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

Citizens temporarily or permanently residing abroad shall also be included in the voter lists at polling stations abroad on the basis of their applications.

12. The voter list shall include the last name, first name, patronymic, date of birth and address (temporary or permanent residence) of each voter.

13. Each voter may be included in only one voter list.

14. Citizens residing in foreign countries may apply for inclusion in the voter list at least fifteen days before the election to the precinct election commissions abroad in writing or electronically through the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

*(Paragraph 14 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

15. In the application for inclusion in the voter list, the citizen must provide the following information:

last name, first name, patronymic;

personal identification number of a physical person (determined from the passport number in accordance with Annex 1 to this Regulation);

date of birth;

last permanent residence address in the Republic of Uzbekistan (if available);

residence address abroad;

contact phone numbers.

The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the pages of the passport of a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan (non-biometric, biometric, travel and diplomatic), where a photo and address (if any) is shown.

When applying for inclusion in the voter list through the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, voters shall enter the information indicated in electronic form.

*(Item 15 is supplemented with the ninth paragraph according to the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

16. A member of the precinct election commission abroad shall check the information on the person indicated in the citizen’s application for inclusion in the voter list and make appropriate changes to the list based on the citizen’s information.

If a citizen does not provide the information specified in paragraph 15 of this Regulation in full, the precinct election commission abroad shall allow the citizen to fill in the information. If a citizen does not provide this information in full again, the precinct election commission abroad shall take measures to notify the citizen that he / she has not been included in the voter list.

17. Precinct election commissions abroad shall provide the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with information on citizens additionally included in the voter list.

*(Paragraph 1 of item 17 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in turn, shall submit to the State Center for Personalization under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan information on additional voters included in the voter list for appropriate corrections to the single electronic voter list.

18. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall provide the State Center for Personalization under the Cabinet of Ministers information on voters additionally included in the voter list of a polling station abroad, i.e. electronic identification number of a physical person (in its absence - passport series and serial number, as well as date of birth (year, month, date), gender, nationality), surname, name and patronymic (in the state language, in Latin), the citizen's address abroad.

*(Paragraph 18 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

19. The precinct election commission abroad shall inform voters about the methods, place and time of familiarization with the list.

20. Every citizen may complain to the precinct election commission abroad about an error or inaccuracy in the voter list. The precinct election commission abroad must consider the appeal within 24 hours, eliminate errors and inaccuracies, or respond to the applicant with a reasoned justification to the rejection of his appeal.

21. The precinct election commission abroad shall publish the list of voters in its territory fifteen days before the election, and present it to the voters for familiarization.

22. Citizens shall be provided the opportunity to familiarize with the voter lists on the official websites and premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomatic missions, taking into account their internal rules and procedures.

**Chapter IV. Ensuring Transparency of Activities of Election Commissions**

23. Observers from political parties, which nominated candidates for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and deputies of the Legislative Chamber, citizens' self-governance bodies, representatives of mass media, observers from other states and international organizations shall have the right to participate in all activities related to the preparation and conduct of elections, as well as in voting rooms and during the counting of votes on election day.

 *(Paragraph 23 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

24. The precinct election commission abroad shall provide the administration of diplomatic missions with information on the persons specified in paragraph 23 of this Regulation (their surname, name, patronymic, year of birth).

**Chapter V. Informing about the Course of the Election Campaign abroad**

25. The precinct election commission abroad shall inform the voters through mass media or other means (taking into account local conditions) on the following:

start of the election campaign;

preparation and conduct of elections;

days of early voting and election day;

polling station abroad;

procedure and terms of inclusion of citizens residing outside the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the voter list of the relevant polling station abroad;

candidates for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, deputies of the Legislative Chamber and political parties nominating them;

*(paragraph 7 of item 25 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

electoral legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

26. The precinct election commission abroad shall inform the voters about the election day, time and place at least ten days before the election, and about the beginning of early voting five days before the beginning of early voting through mass media or other means.

The official website of the CEC (www.elections.uz), official websites and social media pages of diplomatic missions, as well as local media abroad (taking into account local conditions) shall be used for informing voters.

27. The administration of diplomatic missions shall create equal conditions for election campaigning through holding meetings with citizens for candidates, their trusted representatives and political parties.

28. Campaigning shall not be allowed on election day and one day before voting.

**Chapter VI. Ballot Paper**

29. The Central Election Commission shall ensure the preparation and delivery of ballot papers on the basis of information provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the number of voters at polling stations abroad.

*(Paragraph 29 is supplemented with the first paragraph in accordance with the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

The chairman or deputy chairman of the constituency election commission and the responsible official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall certify the delivery and acceptance of ballot papers with their signatures in the act developed in the form in accordance with Annex 2 to this Regulation.

The CEC shall deliver ballot papers to precinct election commissions abroad at 100.5% of the total number of voter lists before the early voting day through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

30. The upper right corner of the ballot paper shall be signed by two members of the precinct election commission abroad and the signatures shall be confirmed by the seal of the precinct election commission abroad.

31. Ballot papers not approved by the precinct election commission abroad shall not be taken into account in the counting of votes.

32. Precinct election commissions abroad shall be responsible for the storage of ballot papers.

**Chapter VII. Early Voting at the Place of Residence of Voters**

*(Chapter 7 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

33. Early voting shall begin ten days before the election and end three days before the election.

34. The timing of early voting shall be determined by the CEC and communicated to voters, observers through the media or other sources.

*(Paragraph 34 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

35. Precinct election commissions abroad may propose citizens to vote early, taking into account the large number of voters and in order to avoid queues in the polling station on election day.

36. In accordance with international treaties of the Republic of Uzbekistan and agreements with competent state bodies of foreign states, early voting can be held at the place of residence of voters in areas of foreign countries where voters are densely populated.

The precinct election commission abroad shall adopt decision on the time and place of voting at the place of residence and inform the voters, observers through mass media or other sources.

*(Paragraph 36 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

37. Early voting at the place of residence of voters shall be carried out using mobile ballot boxes and booths.

The precinct election commission abroad shall notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the required number of mobile ballot boxes and booths at least fifteen days before the election.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall provide the CEC with generalized information on the number of required mobile ballot boxes and booths.

The CEC, with the assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, shall provide precinct election commissions abroad with the necessary number of mobile ballot boxes and booths before the start of early voting.

*(Paragraph 37 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

38. Early voting at the place of residence of voters shall be held in the presence of at least two members of the precinct election commission abroad.

In this respect, a pre-sealed mobile ballot box, portable ballot booth, special bags, disposable plastic seals, ballots of the prescribed form, a copy of the voter list or voter list, as well as a pen for filling out the ballot by the voter must be available out there.

*(Paragraph 38 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

39. The voter shall present to the member of the precinct election commission a document proving his / her identity (passport – non-biometric, biometric, travel and diplomatic; identification ID-card; military certificate; certificate of return to the Republic of Uzbekistan) and sign the voter list or a copy of the voter list. Then the voter shall be given a ballot.

The ballot paper shall be filled in by the voter in a secret ballot box (mobile ballot box) or in a room. The presence of persons other than the voter at the time of filling out the ballot paper shall be prohibited.

The voter shall put a mark “+” or “✓”or “x” in the empty square on the right side, opposite the name of the candidate he or she is voting for.

The voter shall cast the completed ballot in a portable ballot box.

*(Paragraph 39 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

40. Upon completion of voting at the place of residence of voters in the respective territory, members of the precinct election commission abroad shall open a mobile ballot box, place ballot papers in a special bag without counting, seal the bag with disposable plastic seals and draw up an act in accordance with Annex 3 to this Regulation.

The act shall indicate the date and place of voting at the place of residence of voters, the number of voters who received ballot papers, the names of members of the precinct election commission abroad and other persons participating in the voting process.

A voter list or a copy of the voter list shall be attached to this act.

*(Paragraph 40 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

41. A bag with ballot papers in a sealed form shall be delivered to the polling station abroad together with the act and shall be stored until the beginning of the counting of votes on the election day.

Storage of ballot boxes (s) and acts (s) shall be ensured by the secretary of the precinct election commission abroad.

*(Paragraph 41 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

**Chapter VIII. Voting on Election Day**

42. Precinct election commissions abroad shall conduct the voting process on election day from 8:00 to 20:00 local time in the territory where the commission is located.

43. Precinct election commissions abroad shall organize voting taking into account the internal procedures, regime and other special considerations with regard to diplomatic missions.

44. Citizens shall be admitted to the voting room in accordance with the internal rules and procedures and routine of the diplomatic mission.

45. Upon arrival at the polling station, the voter shall present to a member of the precinct election commission abroad an identity document (passport – non-biometric, biometric, travel and diplomatic; ID card; military ID; return certificate to the Republic of Uzbekistan) and sign the voter list. Then the voter shall be given a ballot.

*(Paragraph 45 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

46. ​​The ballot paper shall be filled in by the voter in a secret ballot box or room. The presence of persons other than the voter at the time of filling out the ballot paper shall be prohibited.

47. The voter puts a mark “+” or “✓” or “x” in the empty square on the right, opposite the last name of the candidate he / she is voting for.

The voter shall cast the completed ballot paper in the ballot box.

48. Opening of ballot boxes in polling stations abroad and counting of votes before 20:00 local time shall not be allowed.

49. A copy of the protocol on the results of the vote count by the precinct election commission abroad shall be immediately submitted to the relevant constituency election commission using information and communication technologies.

The original of the protocol shall be delivered to the constituency election commission through diplomatic missions using postal means of communication.

50. The CEC shall monitor the delivery of copies of protocols by precinct election commissions abroad to the relevant constituency election commissions.

**Chapter IX. Final Provisions**

51. Issues not regulated by this Regulation shall be resolved in accordance with the regulations approved by the CEC Resolutions No. 924 of 23 July 2019 and No. 1066 of 14 April 2021, respectively.

*(Paragraph 51 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

52. All documents related to the conduct of elections by the precinct election commission abroad, including ballot papers, shall be submitted to diplomatic missions.

Diplomatic missions shall ensure that election documents are submitted to the relevant constituency election commission.

*(Paragraph 52 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

53. Precinct election commissions abroad shall terminate their activity after determination of the results of the election of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and registration of the deputies of the Legislative Chamber elected from the relevant constituencies by the CEC of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

54. This Regulation is agreed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the State Center for Personalization under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

ANNEX 1

to Regulation on the procedure for organization of polling stations under diplomatic and other missions of the republic of Uzbekistan in foreign states

*(Annex 1 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*



ANNEX 2

to Regulation on the procedure for organization of polling stations under diplomatic and other missions of the republic of Uzbekistan in foreign states

**ACT OF DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE OF BALLOT PAPERS**

**“\_\_\_” October, 20\_\_** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(address)*

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ constituency election commission

*(serial number and name of constituency election commission)*

to responsible official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(serial number and name of precinct election commission abroad)*

for precinct election commission \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_pieces
 *(quantity in figures and in wording)*

of ballot papers were submitted.

I submitted ballot papers:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Chair, deputy Chair, secretary of**

*(number and name of constituency election commission)*

**Constituency election commission** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(signature) (last name, name)*

I accepted ballot papers:

Responsible official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(signature) (last name, name, patronymic)*

*(Annex 2 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*

ANNEX 3

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*(name of diplomatic mission)*

 **\_\_\_\_ PRECINCT ELECTION COMMISSION**

**ACT**

**on early voting at the place of residence of voters**

We are signing hereby , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *(number and name of constituency election commission)*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members of precinct election commission:

*(precinct election commission number and name)*

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*(full name))*

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*(full name.)*

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 *(place of early voting)*

have drawn up this act on the organization of early voting at the place of residence of voters and the fact that the ballot papers in the mobile ballot box were placed in a special bag and sealed.

Seal number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For organization of early voting of voters we took:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pieces of ballot papers;

*(quantity in figures and wording)*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pieces of ballot papers were issued to voters.

 *(quantity in figures and wording)*

Returned ballot papers, including:

Not used: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

 *(quantity in figures and wording)*

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 *(quantity in figures and wording)*

Members of the precinct election commission who conducted early voting at the place of residence of voters:

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| *Seal* | *(signature)* |  | *(full name.)* |
|  | *(signature)* |  | *(full name.)* |

Participants in early voting at the place of residence of voters (if any):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *(signature)* |  | *(full name.)* |
|  | *(signature)* |  | *(full name.)* |

*(Annex 3 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1079 of July 2, 2021)*