



## **International Election Observation Mission of the Organization of Turkic States**

### **Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

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#### **STATEMENT**

Upon the invitation extended by the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, International Election Observation Mission (EOM) of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) headed by the Deputy Secretary General of the OTS, Mr. Merey Mukazhan, conducted short-term observation of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis and local Kengeshes in Uzbekistan in the period of 24-27 October 2024. The Mission was composed of 8 accredited officials from the Secretariat of the OTS, representatives from the Central Election Commissions (CEC) and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States other than Uzbekistan.

The Mission conducted its activities in accordance with the national legislation of Uzbekistan, as well as the generally recognized rules of international law on the organization and conduct of elections.

As part of the pre-election observation process, the Mission had meetings with H.E. Zayniddin Nizamkhodjaev, the Chairman of the Election Commission of Uzbekistan and received in-depth information on legal and administrative aspects of the preparation and conduct of the election process. The Mission also attended the briefing provided by the CEC of Uzbekistan to the International

Elections Observation Missions participating in the elections. Moreover, the Mission held meetings with some other International Observations Missions to exchange views and experiences on the procedures for the conduct of the monitoring of the respective missions.

On the election day, the OTS Mission was divided into two groups and visited 22 polling stations in Tashkent and Samarkand. It also observed the opening and closing of the elections at two different polling stations. During its observation, the Mission did not find any evidence of intervention of administrative or law enforcement authorities in the activities of the polling stations; noticed that all necessary administrative measures were taken to ensure the free will of the people during the voting day.

The Mission observed no noticeable irregularities. The Mission also notes that public order was ensured at the visited polling stations. Tabulation of ballots and announcement of results were conducted in time according to the national election code. The precinct commissions ensured free access for international and local observers, allowing free observation across all locations covered by the Mission, which reinforces the transparency and accountability of the elections.

Furthermore, the Mission did not identify any campaign materials in the polling stations nor observed any attempt by any political group to coerce or influence voters on how to vote, and leakage of voting bulletins during the elections. The Mission was given full access to the polling stations and received detailed information from the polling station officials.

The Mission noticed that the polling stations were equipped with all necessary materials and technical equipment for the efficient conduct of the elections, and conditions were set for the easy-access of the disabled citizens to the polling stations in fulfillment of their constitutional rights.

Electoral participation was high and the polls have been prepared in compliance with the electoral code.

In conclusion, International Election Observation Mission of the OTS confirms that the elections for the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan was conducted in an open and transparent manner, in line with the international standards and national election code.

The OTS Mission extends its congratulations to the citizens of the brotherly Uzbekistan for the successful elections and reiterate its hope that the results of the elections would contribute to further strengthening the stability and prosperity in the country, as well as deepening the fraternal relations in the Turkic World.