ANNEX 1

to Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1068 dd April 14, 2021

**REGULATION**

**on the procedure for carrying out election campaign of the candidates for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

This Regulation shall determine the procedure for carrying out election campaign of candidates for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the candidate) in accordance with the Electoral Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Electoral Code).

**Chapter I. General Provisions**

1. Election campaigning means an activity carried out during the election campaign and aimed at encouraging voters to vote for a candidate.

2. Campaigning shall begin on the day following the last day set for the registration of candidates and shall end one day prior to voting.

3. Candidates shall have equal rights to campaign.

Trusted representatives of the candidate may conduct campaigning on his behalf for a candidate to be elected President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

4. The following persons shall be prohibited from engaging in campaigning:

heads of public authorities and administrations, local executive bodies;

servicemen of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the State Security Service of the Republic of Uzbekistan, other paramilitary units, law enforcement officers, judges;

members of election commissions;

professional servants of religious organizations.

5. Officials of state authorities and administration, local executive bodies shall be prohibited from using their official status and positions in favor of or against any political party or candidate during the election campaign.

6. Candidates shall be granted the right to speak with the program of their future activities. Candidates’ programs must not be directed against the sovereignty, integrity and security of the state, threaten the health and morals of the people, promote war, national hatred, racial and religious hatred, call for violent change of the constitutional order, and actions that restrict the constitutional rights and freedoms of citizens.

Candidates’ programs may not be edited without their consent.

7. Election campaign shall be carried out in the form of:

dissemination of information on the candidate’s program and (or) election platform with persuading to vote for the candidate;

dissemination of information about the candidate and persuading to vote for him.

8. Campaigning may be conducted in the form of public debates, discussions, press conferences, citizens’ meetings, interviews, speeches in the mass media (hereinafter referred to as the media), placement of videos.

9. Campaigning shall be carried out through:

the media, including television, radio, newspapers and magazines, public information and telecommunications networks (including the global Internet information network);

publishing and distributing printed, visual, audiovisual and other propaganda materials (posters, leaflets and other materials);

conduct of meetings with voters.

Other types, forms and methods of conducting election campaign, which are not prohibited by the Electoral Code and this Regulation, may also be used during election campaign period.

10. Candidates shall independently determine the content of the types, forms and methods of campaigning.

11. The following shall be deemed the materials of the election campaign:

printed, visual, audiovisual materials calling for voting for a candidate;

posters, banners, leaflets related to candidate;

video and audio clips placed in the media and calling to vote for a candidate.

12. Information materials (posters) of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Central Election Commission) on the autobiographical data of candidates and their election programs shall not be considered as election campaign materials.

13. Combination election campaigning with the provision of goods or services (except for information services) to voters without consideration or on preferential terms, as well as with the payment of cash shall be prohibited.

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

Removing campaign materials previously placed on buildings, facilities and other places (two days before election day) on election day and one day before voting shall not be considered mandatory.

15. Members of election commissions shall be prohibited from wearing clothes, jewelry and using other signs with party symbols,

16. Funds for election campaigns of the candidates shall be allocated from the State Budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Providing financing to candidates in the form of transferring (depositing) funds from other sources, delivery of goods, performance of works, rendering of services, as well as supporting financially other way shall be prohibited.

17. The amount of budget funds allocated to finance the participation of a candidate nominated by a political party in the election campaign shall be determined by the Central Election Commission in equal shares and transferred to the disposal of the political party.

18. Prior to the start of the election campaign, political parties may carry out explanatory and campaigning work on the candidate’s program and (or) election platform at their own expense, including through sponsorship, without encouraging (calling) to vote for the candidate.

**Chapter II. Campaigning through the Media**

19. During the election campaign, candidates shall be given equal opportunities to access to the state media by providing the same amount of airtime and print space free of charge.

20. The procedure, amount and timing of free access to the media for the purpose of campaigning shall be determined by the Central Election Commission, taking into account the views of the political parties allowed to participate in the elections.

21. The resolution of the Central Election Commission shall establish the following:

a list of state media outlets that provide free airtime or print space;

the amount of free airtime provided to candidates for campaigning on state (republican and local) TV and radio channels, as well as the time they are broadcast;

the size of the print space provided free of charge to candidates for campaigning in state (republican and local) publications, as well as the dates of their publication;

the order in which candidates appear in the media during the election campaign.

The amount and time of free airtime and print space provided in the state media shall be agreed in advance with the relevant media.

22. Free airtime allocated on state TV and radio channels, as a rule, should correspond to the time (prime time) that covers the largest audience.

23. Candidates may use the free airtime for public debates, discussions, press conferences, interviews, speeches, meetings with voters, placing videos about the candidate, and others.

In the framework of the election campaign, the materials to be broadcast on TV and radio channels shall be prepared by the candidates, their trusted representatives, and the political parties that nominated the candidates, in cooperation with the relevant TV and radio channels.

24. The airtime provided may, in agreement with political parties, be used for public debates and discussions between candidates if they agree to participate in such events.

25. Materials for publication in the print media shall be provided by candidates, their trusted representatives, political parties which nominated candidates. Campaign materials may not be edited without the consent of those who provided them.

26. Candidates, their trusted representatives, political parties nominating candidates shall freely and voluntarily use the airtime and print space provided to them.

By mutual agreement with political parties, the types, forms and content of election campaign materials may be unified.

27. The free airtime or print space provided to a particular candidate may not be used by another candidate.

The candidate shall have the right to waive the free airtime and print space provided.

28. During the broadcasting and publication of election campaign materials within the free airtime and print space, the media shall note that they are election campaign materials.

29. Candidates' appearance in the media during the election campaign shall be based on the order in which the political parties that nominated them are allowed to run in the elections.

30. The media may cover a candidate's performance of production and office duties during the election campaign, which shall not be deemed an election campaign event.

31. When covering the election activities of candidates in information programs and other information materials, the media shall:

create equal conditions, including equal conditions for the duration and scope of the program;

apply more co-broadcasting in the transmission and publication of materials.

32. Candidates may also be allocated airtime or print space in state and non-state media on a paid basis.

Payment terms and other requirements set by the media for broadcasting time, print space (circulation, airtime, place, font, etc.) should be equal and the same for all candidates.

Relations with respect to the allocation of paid airtime or print space shall be based on a contract between the media and political parties.

33. The accuracy of the information disseminated in the media should not violate the rights and legitimate interests of candidates and political parties. Dissemination of false information, information that infringes on the honor and dignity of the candidate, as well as illegal collection or dissemination of information about his private life, which consists of his personal or family secrets without the consent of the candidate, shall be prohibited.

34. Candidates shall have the right to demand from the editorial board a refutation of information published in the media which is inaccurate and has damaged their honor and dignity or business reputation.

Candidates whose rights and legitimate interests have been violated as a result of publication shall have the right to publish a rebuttal or response article in this media.

In the print media, the refutation should be published in the next issue of the media, on the page where the material that caused the response was placed.

In electronic media, the refutation should be aired in the next program or broadcast.

Candidates shall have the right to file a lawsuit in the court if the media refuses to publish refutation or response article, or violates the deadline for publication.

35. The Center for Mass Communications shall monitor the media coverage of candidates in the media, including in public telecommunications networks.

The results of the monitoring shall be submitted to the Central Election Commission every day, no later than the day after the coverage.

The final summary of the election monitoring will be published on the official website of the Central Election Commission.

36. The requirements of Chapter II of this Regulation shall not apply to print and electronic media established by political parties, except for paragraph 33.

**Chapter III. Campaigning through the Production and Distribution of Printed, Visual, Audiovisual and other Campaign Materials**

37. Equal conditions shall be created for candidates for unimpeded production and distribution of printed, visual, audiovisual materials, phonograms, electronic versions of printed materials and other election campaign materials. Campaigning materials must be produced on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

38. Printed, visual, audiovisual and other election campaign materials should have:

name of the legal entity that produced the election campaign materials, location (postal address) and other information about it (surname, name and patronymic of the physical person);

name of the legal entity that ordered the election campaign materials (surname, name and patronymic of the physical person);

information on the number of copies of election campaign materials, date of issue.

39. Campaigning materials may be hung in rooms, on buildings, facilities and other objects.

Placement of printed election campaign materials on statues, monuments, as well as in the buildings where the election commission is located, in the voting rooms shall be prohibited.

**Chapter IV. Carrying out the Election Campaign through Meetings with Voters**

40. Candidates and their trusted representatives shall be provided with equal conditions for campaigning through meetings with voters.

41. Meetings with voters shall be conducted independently by candidates and their trusted representatives.

Candidates and their trusted representatives shall have the right to hold meetings with voters together with other candidates or their trusted representatives or to participate in meetings with voters organized by other candidates.

42. The constituency or precinct election commission shall be notified of the place and time of meetings with voters.

Information about the candidate's meetings with voters shall be published in the local media.

43. Candidates and their trusted representatives shall have the right to apply to state and economic administration bodies, local executive authorities, public associations, as well as citizens’ self-governance bodies with a request to assist in organizing and conducting meetings with voters.

44. State and economic administration bodies, local executive authorities, public associations, as well as citizens’ self-governance bodies shall:

provide candidates with rooms equipped for meetings with voters without consideration;

assist candidates in obtaining the necessary information and informational materials;

assist candidates in informing voters of the time and place of meetings with candidates.

45. A candidate shall have the right to be released from performance of production or service duties during meetings with voters, election rallies, and speeches on television and radio while maintaining the average monthly salary.

46. ​​During the election campaign, the candidate shall have the right to travel free of charge on all types of public passenger transport in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan (except for charter trips of urban passenger transport, taxis and other modes of transport).

47. Meetings of candidates with voters shall be open and transparent.

Public events, such as meetings with voters, shall be held with the relevant district (city) khokimiyats notified in writing of their place and time at least three days in advance. Permission shall not be required to hold these public events.

*(Paragraph 47 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1075 of July 2, 2021)*

**Chapter V. Supervision of the Observance of the Conditions and Procedure for Conduct of Election Campaign**

48. The Central Election Commission shall supervise compliance with the conditions and procedure for campaigning throughout the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Constituency election commissions shall supervise compliance with the conditions and procedure for conducting election campaigning in the constituency.

49. Violation of the conditions and procedure for conducting election campaigning shall entail criminal and administrative liability in accordance with the legislation.