ANNEX 1

to Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 932 dd September 11, 2019

**INSTRUCTION**

**on formation of composition of constituency and precinct election commissions**

This Instruction has been developed in accordance with Articles 21, 23 and 25 of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and shall have a recommendatory character for the Jogorku Kenesh of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional, district, city Kengashes of people's deputies, citizens' self-government bodies, election commissions, public associations, enterprises, institutions and organizations in the formation of constituency and precinct election commissions.

**I. General Provisions**

1. A constituency election commission which conducts elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be formed by the Central Election Commission at least seventy days prior to the election, and shall consist of the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and 8-18 other members of the commission.

A constituency election commission conducting elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be formed by the Central Election Commission at least seventy days prior to the election and shall consist of the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and 6-8 commission members.

*(The first paragraph of clause 1 is replaced by the first and second paragraphs according to the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

Candidates for membership in constituency election commissions conducting elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis shall be discussed at meetings of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies and recommended to the Central Election Commission.

2. The constituency election commission conducting elections to the regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies shall be formed by the relevant regional, Tashkent city election commissions at least seventy days prior to the election, consisting of the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and 6-8 commission members.

Members of constituency election commissions conducting elections to regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies shall be approved on the recommendation of district and city Kengashes of People's Deputies.

*(Paragraphs one and two of item 2 in the edition of the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

(*The third paragraph of item 2 is issued according to the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

Constituency election commissions for the conduct of elections to the district, city (except for the Tashkent City Kengash of People's Deputies) shall not be formed. In this case, the district, city (except for the Tashkent city election commission) election commission shall exercise also the powers of the constituency election commission provided for in this Instruction.

*(Item 2 is supplemented with the paragraph according to the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

3. A precinct election commission shall be formed by a constituency election commission at least forty days prior to the election, consisting of 5 to 19 members, including the chairman, deputy chairman and secretary. If the commission consists of up to seven members, the chairman and secretary shall be elected. If necessary, the number of members of the precinct election commission may be changed by the constituency election commission.

Candidates for membership in the precinct election commission shall be nominated by citizens' self-government bodies, public associations, enterprises, institutions and organizations, and shall be discussed at meetings of district and city kengashes of People's Deputies and recommended to the relevant constituency election commission for approval.

**II. Requirements to Members of Constituency and Precinct Election Commissions**

4. Citizens who have reached the age of twenty-one, have secondary or higher education, as a rule, have experience in the preparation and conduct of elections, and have gained a reputation among the population may be members of constituency and precinct election commissions.

Members of other election commissions, members of political parties, khokims of regions, districts and cities, officials of the prosecutor's office, courts, close relatives and trusted representatives of candidates, as well as persons directly subordinating to candidates may not be members of the election commission.

5. One organization may recommended no more than half of the members of a precinct election commission, with the exception of precinct election commissions formed in diplomatic and other missions of the Republic of Uzbekistan abroad, military units, sanatoriums and rest homes, hospitals and other inpatient facilities, places of detention and imprisonment. Use of the following reserves is recommended in the formation of the remaining half of the members of the precinct election commission:

*(Paragraph 1 of item 5 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

citizens with experience in preparing for and conducting elections, who have gained a reputation among the population;

*(The third paragraph of item 5 is issued according to the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

representatives of non-governmental non-profit organizations;

*(Paragraph 3 of item 5 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

persons with legal knowledge and skills (legal advisers, lawyers, etc.);

specialists who command foreign languages.

6. It is recommended that each constituency and precinct election commission have at least two persons (main and backup) with knowledge and practical skills in the field of information and communication technologies to work with computer programs for the management of the electoral process and maintaining a single electronic voter list.

7. Emphasis should be placed on ensuring equal representation of women and men in election commissions, including in leadership positions.

**III. Nomination of Candidates for the Membership of the Constituency Election Commission Conducting Elections of The President of The Republic of Uzbekistan, Elections of Deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis**

8. Candidates for membership in the constituency election commission conducting elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis shall be considered at the meetings of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies within three days after formation of constituencies in accordance with procedure identified in their regulations.

9. Resolutions of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies on nomination of candidates for membership in the constituency election commission shall be sent to the Central Election Commission.

10. The composition of constituency election commissions conducting elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis shall be approved by a resolution of the Central Election Commission.

11. The resolution of the Central Election Commission to approve the composition of constituency election commissions shall be published on the official website of the commission on the same day. The resolution may be published in other sources.

**IV. Nomination of Candidates to the Constituency Election Commissions conducting Elections to the Regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies**

*(Chapter 4 is in the wording of the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

12. Candidates for membership in constituency election commissions conducting elections to regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies shall be discussed at the meetings of district and city Kengashes of People's Deputies within 3 days after the formation of constituencies in accordance with their regulations.

*(The second paragraph of item 12 is issued according to the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. of June 16, 2021)*

13. Based on the results of the discussion, the decision of the district and city Kengash of People's Deputies to nominate a candidate for the constituency election commission conducting elections to the regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies shall be adopted and sent to the relevant regional and Tashkent city election commissions.

*(Paragraph 13 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

14. The composition of the constituency election commission conducting elections to the regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies shall be approved by the resolution of the relevant regional and Tashkent city election commission.

*(Paragraph 14 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

15. The resolution of the regional and Tashkent city election commissions on approval of the composition of constituency election commissions shall be published on the official website of the commission, as well as in the local press.

*(Paragraph 15 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

**V. Nomination of Candidates for Members of Precinct Election Commissions**

16. After the announcement of the election campaign, citizens' self-government bodies, public associations, enterprises, institutions and organizations shall form a reserve of candidates for the precinct election commission on their own initiative or on the proposals of district, city kengashes or district and city election commissions.

17. After the formation of polling stations, the reserve of candidates for members of the precinct election commission shall be discussed:

by citizens' self-government bodies - at a citizens' assembly or at a meeting of citizens' representatives or at a meeting of a citizens' assembly;

by public associations, enterprises, institutions and organizations - at the meeting of labor collectives,

and the results of the meeting shall be recorded in a protocol and submitted to district and city Kengashes of people's deputies for consideration at least 50 days before the election.

*(Item 17 as amended by Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of 16 June 2021)*

18. District and city Kengashes of people's deputies shall discuss at their meetings the proposals submitted by citizens' self-government bodies, public associations, enterprises, institutions and organizations within 5 days in the manner prescribed by regulations.

Based on the results of the discussion, a decision shall be adopted on the same day to nominate candidates for the precinct election commission and it shall be submitted to the relevant constituency election commission for approval.

If elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and deputies of local kengashes are held simultaneously, the decision to nominate candidates for the precinct election commission shall be submitted to the constituency election commission conducting the election of deputies of the Legislative Chamber.

19. Where polling stations are formed in military units, as well as in remote and hard for access areas, in places of detention and imprisonment at least 7 days before the election, the decision with recommendation to nominate candidates for the precinct election commission shall be provided to the constituency election commissions together with a proposal to establish polling stations.

20. The number of members of the proposed precinct election commission shall be determined on the basis of the norms established in relation to the number of voters listed in Annex 2 to this Instruction.

21. The composition of the precinct election commission shall be approved by the resolution of the relevant constituency election commission.

22. The resolution of the constituency election commission on approval of the composition of the precinct election commission shall be published in the local press.

23. The procedure for forming a precinct election commission under diplomatic and other missions of the Republic of Uzbekistan abroad shall be established by a separate regulation of the Central Election Commission.

**VI. Removal from or Change of the Composition of the Constituency and Precinct Election Commission**

24. A member of a constituency or precinct election commission shall be expelled from the commission on the basis of his / her application or the decision of the body that approved him / her as a member of the commission in the following cases:

when elected to another election commission;

when became a member of a political party;

appointment (approval) as the khokim of the region, district, city;

appointment (election) to a responsible position in the prosecutor's office or court;

when close relatives of the commission member (child, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents) or persons directly subordinating to the commission member are registered as candidates for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, deputies or as trusted representatives of the candidate.

A member of an election commission may be removed from the commission in other cases as well, at his / her own request by a decision of the body that approved him / her as a member of the commission.

A member of an election commission registered as a candidate for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, deputy or a trusted representative of a candidate shall be deemed to have resigned from the commission.

25. In case where a member of the commission violates the requirements of the Electoral Code or regularly neglects his / her obligations, he / she may be deprived of his / her powers by the decision of the body that approved him / her as a member of the commission.

In this respect, the fact that a member of the commission has violated the requirements of the Electoral Code or has systematically neglected his / her obligations shall be formalized by an act of the election commission of which he / she is a member.

26. In case of expulsion of a member of the commission from the election commission or increase in the number of members of the election commission, a new member of the commission shall be elected in accordance with the procedure established by this Instruction.

**VII. Final Provisions**

27. Constituency and precinct election commissions conducting elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and deputies of the Legislative Chamber shall terminate their activity after finalizing the results of elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and registration of deputies elected from relevant constituencies by the Central Election Commission.

Constituency election commissions conducting elections to regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies, as well as precinct election commissions shall terminate their activity after registration of deputies elected from relevant constituencies by regional, district and city election commissions.

*(Paragraph 2 of item 27 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

*(Annex 1 is invalidated by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*