ANNEX 1

to Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 951 dd October 5, 2019

**REGULATION**

**on Observers from Political Parties and Citizens’ Self-Governance Bodies**

This Regulation is developed in accordance with Article 33 of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Political Parties”, “On Citizens' Self-Governance Bodies”, and shall determine the legal status, rights and obligations of observers from political parties which nominated candidates for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and regional, district and city kengashes of People's Deputies, as well as observers of citizens’ self-governance bodies (hereinafter referred to as observer) and the procedure for registration of their documents.

**I. General Provisions**

1. An observer shall have the right to participate in all activities related to the preparation and conduct of elections, as well as in the voting and counting of votes on election day in each polling station.

2. The purpose of observation shall be to exercise public control over the observance of the electoral legislation in all activities related to the preparation and conduct of elections, including the voting and counting of votes on election day.

3. Election commissions shall create conditions for an observer to exercise his / her powers fully and without obstacles after registration of him / her of on the basis of his / her mandate and identity document.

4. A member or supporter of a political party or any citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan who has reached the age of 18 and is a sympathizer of a political party may be an observer from a political party.

The chairman (elder) of the citizens’ assembly, his deputy, adviser, as well as other officials of the bodies of the citizens’ assembly may be observers from the citizens’ self-governance bodies.

**II. Registration of Documents of Observers**

5. District (city) organization of a political party and citizens' self-governance bodies shall apply to the relevant election commission about its observers from the date of registration of the candidate nominated by this political party for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and regional, district and city Kengashes of People's Deputies, after the formation of the constituency election commission. In this respect, an application shall be submitted to:

in the election of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan - to the constituency election commission conducting the election of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

in elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan - to the constituency election commission conducting elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber;

in elections of deputies of regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of People's Deputies - to the constituency election commission conducting elections to these Kengashes;

in elections of deputies of district, city (except for the city of Tashkent) Kengashes of people's deputies - to the district, city (except for the Tashkent city election commission) election commission;

in case of simultaneous elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and regional, district and city Kengashes of People's Deputies – to the constituency election commission conducting elections of deputies of the Legislative Chamber.

The application shall be accompanied by a list of observers (indicating their names, surnames, position, address and telephone number), copies of their identity documents, two photos of 3x4 sm size.

*(Item 5 as amended by Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of 16 June for 2021)*

6. Political parties and citizens' self-governance bodies may apply for their observers to the relevant election commission at least ten days before the election.

*(Paragraph 6 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

7. The relevant election commission shall adopt a decision within five days after receiving the application of the political party organization and the citizens' self-governance body and issue a mandate for the observer.

*(Item 7 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

8. The sample of the mandate shall be set by the regulations approved by the resolutions of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 924 of July 23, 2019 and No. 1065 of April 14, 2021, respectively.

*(The first paragraph of item 8 in the edition of the resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

The mandate may reflect certain characteristics (mandate color or other) to distinguish a political party from other political parties, and citizens’ self-governance bodies.

9. The organization of a political party and citizens' self-governance bodies shall ensure the delivery of mandates to observers after receiving them from the relevant election commission.

*(Item 9 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

10. An observer may be denied issuance of a mandate in the following cases:

if the candidate for observer is under 18 years of age or is not a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

applied less than ten days before the election;

*(Paragraph 3 of item 10 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

if a candidate from a political party is not registered in the relevant constituency (for observers of a political party);

in there is no an official of the citizens’ self-governance body (for observers of the citizens’ self-governance body);

if the documents specified in paragraph 5 of this Regulation are not submitted in full.

11. An observer must wear a mandate in all activities related to the preparation and conduct of elections, as well as on election day.

12. The terms of powers of an observer shall begin on the day of issuance of mandate and shall end on the day of the official announcement of the election results.

In the event that the relevant election commission decides to hold repeat voting or repeat elections, the observer’s mandate shall be extended for an appropriate period.

**III. Rights and Obligations of the Observer**

13. Observer shall have the right:

to be present at meetings of election commissions;

to participate in meetings dedicated to the nomination of candidates, meetings of candidates with voters;

to be present at the polling station, to monitor the progress of preparations, placement of secret voting booths or rooms and sealing of ballot boxes, registration of citizens, issuance of ballot papers to them;

to observe the voting process on election day;

to be informed about the time and place of early voting and to observe this process;

to observe the voting process at the voter's place of residence with his permission;

to be present during the counting of votes and drawing up the protocol of the election commission;

to request and receive copies of documents on election results approved by the relevant election commission;

to make photographs, videos and audio recordings without violating the secrecy of the electoral process and voting (except for places of detention and imprisonment, military units, medical institutions);

to appeal to the media on the results of observation;

to be present in the process of receiving protocols on the results of counting of votes from precinct election commissions by constituency, district, city election commissions (except for Tashkent city election commission) and determination of election results in the constituency;

*(subaragraph 12 of paragraph 13 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

to notify the relevant precinct election commission in accordance with the established procedure at least three days in advance of his / her visit to the polling stations set up in military units, places of detention and imprisonment;

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

if there are grounds to believe that a polling station has violated the requirements of the electoral legislation, to inform members of the precinct election commission about his / her observations without interfering in their work, as well as to inform higher election commissions;

to express their opinion on the legislation on elections, as well as on the preparation and conduct of elections.

The observer shall enjoy other rights as well in accordance with the legislation.

14. Observer must:

comply in his / her activities with the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Electoral Code, resolutions of the Central Election Commission;

to carry with him / her the mandate issued to him, as well as an identity document, when visiting election commissions of all levels, public authorities and administrations and other organizations, and to present them to officials upon their demand;

base conclusions on personal observations and factual material.

15. Observer shall be prohibited from:

being present in the voting booth or room when a voter puts his mark on the ballot paper;

influencing voters, distributing any campaign material or literature;

asking voters who they voted for or to provide any assistance to voters in marking the ballot;

interferencing in the activities of the precinct election commission, including during the sealing, opening and counting of ballot boxes;

publishing the results of public opinion polls, forecasts of election results, and other research related to the forthcoming elections on election day and the day before the start of voting.

16. In case of non-compliance of an observer with the requirements of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the provisions of this Regulation, the respective constituency, city, district (except for Tashkent city election commission) election commission may terminate his /her powers ahead of schedule.

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

**IV. Final Provisions**

17. An observer may appeal against actions and decisions of election commissions in court in accordance with the procedure established by law.

*(Paragraph 1 of item 17 as amended by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 1073 of June 16, 2021)*

An observer may directly participate in the process of consideration of the appeal.