Decision of the Independent Election Commission

No. 104-1398

Subject: Management and sorting of Results Forms of Presidential Elections of 28 Sep 2019

Implementing authority: IEC Secretariat

Date and venue of the meeting: 13 Aqrab 1398 [November 4, 2019], IEC HQ

Members present
Ms. Hawa Alam Nuristani, Mr. Sayed Esmatullah Mal, Mr. Musafir Qoqandi, Mr. Mawlana Mohammad Abdullah, Mr. Awrangzeb, Mr. Mohammad Hanif Danishyar, Ms. Rahima Zarifi, Mr. Ahmed Issack Hassan, and Ms. Ivilina Verginova Aleksieva Robinson

Taking into consideration article 87 of the Election Law, for the purpose of organizing and sorting of RFs of 28 Sep Presidential Elections, and implementation of Electoral Complaints Commission’s decisions, according to provisions of Election Law, IEC’s regulations, procedures and other decisions, and considering the report of IEC Secretariat on sorting of RFs;

the Independent Election Commission decided that:

(1) Following actions shall be taken regarding the 8,494 PS where there are observations due to various reasons:

1. The 3,893 RFs where there are discrepancy of more than 5 votes between BVV and RFs data (attached as annex no. 1 to this decision) shall be audited and recounted and the responsible persons shall be referred to ECC for trial according to the law.

2. About 543 PS whose RFs are there in the Digital Center but their original RFs are not there in the NTC (the list of which is attached as annex no. 2 to this decision), following actions shall be taken: (1) the copy of RF in the box shall be referred to in the presence of monitors and observers, the same form shall be processed. (2) In case the copy is not there in the box, is illegible or is overwritten against the procedure, they shall be recounted. (3) In case the RF in the box is not stamped and signed, and there are signs of fraud in it, it shall be audited. Similarly, the voters’ biometric information of such PSs shall be sent to the relevant provincial offices.

3. About the 93 PSs whose RFs are not there in the Digital Center, but their original RFs are there in the NTC (the list of which is attached as annex no. 3 to this decision), following actions shall be taken:
i. 76 RFs where there is a discrepancy of 5 votes or less between the RFs and biometric information of voters, shall be processed according to the procedure.

ii. 17 RFs where there is a discrepancy of more than 5 votes between the RFs and biometric information of voters, shall be audited and recounted according to the procedure.

4. About the 1,110 PSs whose votes are marked zero on the Digital Center’s RF, but they have vote(s) in the original RFs and BVV information (the list of which is attached as annex no. 4 to this decision), following action shall be taken:

i. RFs of 533 PSs where there is a discrepancy of 5 votes or less between the RFs and BVV voters, shall be processed.

ii. RFs of 577 PSs where there is a discrepancy of more than 5 votes between the RFs and biometric voter information, shall be audited and recounted according to the procedure.

5. The 23 PSs whose votes are marked zero on the original RFs, but they have vote(s) in the Digital RFs and BVV information (the list of which is attached as annex no. 5 to this decision) shall be audited and recounted according to the procedure.

6. The 23 PSs which were referred by the designated teams to the Commission’s meeting for a decision (the list of which is attached as annex no. 6 to this decision), each shall be investigated and decided upon separately by the Commission based on available documents.

7. The 24 PSs which were referred by the designated teams for audit (the list of which is attached as annex no. 7 to this decision) shall be audited and if required, recounted.

8. The 362 PSs which were referred by the designated teams for recount and recount and audit (the list of which is attached as annex no. 8 to this decision) shall be recounted, audited and recounted.

9. The 11 PSs which were announced by the Commission as closed, but have biometric information (the list of which is attached as annex no. 9 to this decision) shall be quarantined and investigated, and necessary actions shall be taken according to the relevant regulations and procedures, based on investigation findings.

(2) Following action shall be taken about the 1,709 PSs that were sent by ECC via their letter no. 1399 dated October 26, 2019 for recount/audit/audit and recount to the IEC (the list of which is attached to this decision):

i. Regarding ECC’s decision on 117 PSs which were reported as closed PSs, the issue shall be shared and discussed with ECC.

ii. Action shall be taken according to the ECC’s decision about the remaining 1,592 PSs which were referred by the ECC, irrespective of the fact if they are included or not included in the current decision of IEC.

(3) In case there are both IEC and ECC’s decisions about a particular PS at the same time, it shall be audited and recounted.

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