



**INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS MISSION OF THE  
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES  
Early Presidential Elections, Republic of Kazakhstan – 26 April, 2015**

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**STATEMENT**

The TURKPA International Observers Mission conducted a short-term monitoring of the early presidential elections held on 26 April 2015 in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

According to the information of Central Election Commission of Kazakhstan the primary legislation for these elections consists of the Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Elections in the Republic of Kazakhstan” (1995, last amended 03.02.2011, № 404-IV).

TURKPA observers mission included the representatives from member countries: Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kyrgyzstan and Republic of Turkey, as well as the representatives of the TURKPA Secretariat.

On Election Day the polling stations were opened from 7:00 a.m. till 20:00 p.m. According to the information of Central Election Commission nearly 95% of voters took an active part in the elections.

In the framework of the visit, meetings were held with Mr. K.Jakupov, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, Mr. K.Turgankulov, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Kazakhstan, Mr. E. Idrissov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan. During these meetings, observers were given detailed information on election preparations and improvement of election process.

At the same time mission held meeting with representatives of candidates`campaign headquarters. On the day before election observers visited of Esil District polling commission and monitored the preparation process.

All the legal and logistical conditions were provided for international observation of elections in Kazakhstan. During the elections participation of the international observers mission in the country ensured public and impartial observation.

Within the mandate the TURKPA observers visited polling stations, estimated the preparation process and they were given possibility for unobstructed observation of election campaign, as well as they had a conversation with the voters, representatives of polling stations and Central Election Commission.

In accordance with the Constitutional Law “On Elections in the Republic of Kazakhstan” equal conditions were provided for all candidates.

On the Election Day, on 26 April 2015 the TURKPA observers mission visited polling stations № 97,91,88, 81,104, gained opportunity to form a personal impression on voting process – from the opening of points up to calculation of votes and up to the definition of election results - at all stages of voting.

The observers followed the objectivity, justness, transparency and impartiality principles confirmed in Code of Conduct for International Observers approved in 2005 by the United Nations Organization, recommendations of Venice Commission of the Council of Europe and other international legal instruments.

The process of election was not interfered by the administrative and law-enforcement bodies during the observation. All the necessary conditions were created for the implementation of exit poll.

TURKPA observers referred to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as the principles of political neutrality, impartiality and lack of participant preference of the electoral process.

TURKPA observers group conclude that early parliamentary elections in the Republic of Kazakhstan were held, excepting some technical irregularities, in democratic conditions conforming to the national legislation of Kazakhstan and international democratic standards. This confirms conducting democratic elections in compliance with international commitments and provision of the electoral rights of all the participants of the election process. Certain technical shortcomings could not have significant impact on the entire voting process.

The early presidential elections held in Kazakhstan on 26 April 2015 in general met the international election standards.