



INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVER MISSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

Election of the members of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan – 28 June, 2017

STATEMENT

Following an invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the TurkPA International Election Observer Mission for the first time conducted a short-term monitoring of the indirect elections to the Senate (upper chamber) of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan held on 28 June 2017.

The primary legislation for these elections is 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 was comprised of Mrs Sadaqat Valieva, member of the Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan, Mr Torobai Zulpukarov, member of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyz Republic, Mr Mustafa Isen, member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey assisted by the representatives of the TurkPA Secretariat.

The Central Election Commission (CEC) informed of the ongoing election campaign; initially 89 people put forward their candidacies, 52 of them were registered and eventually 38 candidates were left to contest for the 16 seats in the Senate.

The CEC registered 288 foreign observers and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan registered 116 overseas press reporters willing to highlight the elections.

On the election day – 28th June - in the morning TurkPA observers along with other local and international election observers went to the Akimat (municipality) of Astana, where members of Astana maslikhat, comprised of 25 members, chose among the two candidates. The observers witnessed firsthand the vote casting and counting.

TurkPA observers group concludes that elections of the members to the Senate of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan were held in compliance with the national legislation of Kazakhstan and international election standards.