

STATEMENT

of International Observers Mission of Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-Speaking Countries on Presidential Election in the Kyrgyz Republic, October 15, 2017

The TURKPA International Observers Mission conducted a short-term monitoring of the Presidential election held on 15 October 2017 in the Kyrgyz Republic. The mission included members of the parliament from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkey as well as the representatives of the TURKPA Secretariat.

The mission was consisted of Mr Nizami Jafarov, member of the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr Sarsenbay Yensegenov, member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr Nurlan Dulatbekov, member of the Majlis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr Feyzullah Kıyıklık and Mr Erkan Aydın, members of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey.

The Presidential Election in the Kyrgyz Republic, held on 15 October 2017, was regulated by the Constitutional Law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On Presidential elections in the Kyrgyz Republic”, Law on Election Commissions to Conduct Elections and Referenda, Resolution of the Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of the Kyrgyz Republic “On appointment the Election of President of the Kyrgyz Republic”, dated 14 June 2017. The legal framework also includes the Law on Political Parties, provisions of the Code of Administrative Procedures and Criminal Code, as well as regulations and decisions of the Central Election Commission (CEC).

Within the visit’s framework, TURKPA observers’ mission held meetings with the high-ranked officials of the Central Election Commission and governments officials. During these meetings, observers were given detailed information as regards the measures taken in preparation for the election. According to the information of the Central Election Commission, about 3 025 770 had been registered to vote. Out-of-country voting has been organized in 37 polling stations in 27 countries.

On the 16th October Chairman of the Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr Chynybai Tursunbekov received the TurkPA delegation of election observers.

The current elections have been held in accordance with the Law on Election Commissions to Conduct Elections and Referenda and amendments to the given law accommodate mandatory biometric voter identification and the use of ballot scanners. Fingerprint scanners were used to identify and verify voters, and ballot scanners provided an automated vote count in all polling stations. However, official voting results were based on the manual count. The voters list was based on the new Unified Population Register, which includes biometric data of all citizens registered.

Central Election Commission (CEC) informed that 11 candidates to contest presidential elections had been registered. Mass media provided an extensive coverage of the election campaign of all candidates. During the campaign the public broadcaster granted free airtime and open debates were held among candidates. All candidates had opportunities to conduct campaigning work through the mass media and the possibility for the unimpeded organization of the meetings on the entire territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.

TURKPA mission had the opportunity to monitor voting process at all stages. Polling stations on election day were open from 8:00 until 20:00. According to the information of the Central Election Commission, voter turnout was approximately 56%. Members of the mission visited polling stations in Issyk Kul region (Cholpon Ata and villages around). Mission positively viewed the use of new technologies and the collection of biometric data in the voting process.

According to the CEC information by 01:26 of 16 October 2017, the preliminary results of the Presidential election:

Sooronbai Jeenbekov	54,46%
Omurbek Babanov	34,2 %
Adakhan Madumarov	6,36 %
Temir Sariev	2,56%

Against all

0,71%

All the legal and logistical conditions were provided for international observation of the presidential election in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The mission has not observed any significant violations or deviations from the legal framework and voting procedure was administered in conformity with the national legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic and international standards.

TURKPA International Observers Mission concludes that the Presidential election in the Kyrgyz Republic was held in compliance with the national legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.