



**International Observation Mission  
Organization of Turkic States (OTS)  
Early Presidential Election of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

**9 July 2023, Tashkent**

**STATEMENT**

The International Election Observation Mission of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) conducted on July 9, 2023 an observation of the Early Presidential Election in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The delegation of the OTS Mission consisted of officials from the OTS Secretariat and representatives from the Central Election Commission (CEC), as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the OTS Member States.

The Mission carried out its activities in accordance with the national legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as generally recognized rules of international law on organization and conduct of elections.

As part of the pre-election observation process, on July 7, 2023, the Mission held a meeting with H.E. Zayniddin Nizamkhodjaev, Chairperson of the CEC of the Republic of Uzbekistan. During the meeting, the Mission's members were provided with comprehensive information regarding the preparations for the election.

On the election day, the OTS delegation attended the opening of a polling station No. 519 in Tashkent. The tabulation of ballots and announcement of results were conducted in a timely manner in accordance with the national election legislation.

The Mission visited 21 polling stations in total. The precinct commissions ensured free access both for international and local observers, allowing proactive observation across all locations covered by the Mission. The election was organized and executed professionally, with no significant irregularities.

Voting procedures were followed, and the transparency of the process was maintained.

The Mission did not observe any cases of unauthorized intervention by administrative or law enforcement authorities in the operations of election commissions.

Moreover, the Mission did not identify any presence of campaign materials, coercion by political groups, or leakage of voting ballots during the election.

The Mission appreciates the efforts of the CEC of the Republic of Uzbekistan in facilitating conditions that uphold the rights of disabled citizens and equipping polling stations with all necessary materials and technical equipment.

However, the Mission suggests reviewing the practice of enlisting voters who intend to cast their ballots at polling stations other than those within places of their permanent registration, on a supplementary voter list on the day of voting.

In conclusion of the voting day, the Mission observed vote counting process at the polling stations No. 275. The precinct commission conducted the vote counting in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The International Election Observer Mission of OTS confirms that the Early Presidential Election of the Republic of Uzbekistan was conducted in an open and transparent manner, adhering to domestic legislation of the country and international standards.

The OTS Mission extends its congratulations to the citizens of the brotherly Uzbekistan for the successful elections and reiterate its hope that the results of the election would contribute to further strengthening the stability and prosperity in the country, as well as to deepening the fraternal relations in the Turkic World.