



**International Observation Mission
Organization of Turkic States (OTS)
Early Presidential Election of the Republic of Kazakhstan
20 November 2022**

STATEMENT

The International Election Observer Mission of the Organization of Turkic States (hereinafter referred to as the Mission) conducted observation of the Early Presidential Election of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the Presidential Election) on 20 November 2022.

The Mission is composed of 4 officials from the Secretariat of the OTS. The Mission observed the Elections in different districts of the city of Astana.

The Mission carried out its activities in accordance with the national legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as generally recognized rules of international law on the organization and conduct of elections, without interfering in the electoral process and the sovereignty of the State.

In the framework of the observation of the pre-election process, on 17-19 November 2022, the Mission had meetings with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Adil Tursunov, Chairman of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Nurlan Abdirov, as well as Candidates for the Presidential Election; Ms. Saltanat Tursynbekova, Mr. Zhiguli Dairabayev, Mr. Meiram Kazhyken, Mr. Nurlan Auesbaev.

On the Election Day, the OTS delegation attended the opening of the polling station in Astana. Tabulation of ballots and results was conducted in time according to the national election legislation.

The Mission visited 16 polling stations in total: The Mission did not find any evidence of intervention of administrative or law enforcement authorities in the

activities of the polling stations. All necessary administrative measures were taken to ensure the free will of the people during the voting day.

In line with the electoral law, necessary conditions were provided to national and international observers to conduct impartial observation of the Elections. The Mission has witnessed participation of the national and international observers, which reinforces the legitimacy and transparency of the Elections.

The Mission also participated in the vote-counting process at the polling station No. 111 in Astana. Counting of ballots and announcement of results were conducted in time according to the national election legislation.

The Mission observed that there were no serious technical problems, which would affect the results of the election. The Mission observed no campaign materials visible inside or outside the polling stations, nor were there any campaign activities taking place nearby the polling stations. The polling stations were mostly accessible for persons with disabilities. There were also braille alphabet templates for blind voters and mobile ballot boxes for those who could not cast their ballots at the polling stations.

The Mission observed no attempt by any outsider to influence voters on how to vote, was given full access to the polling stations, and received necessary information from the polling station officials.

Electoral participation was high and the polls have been prepared in compliance with electoral law. The widespread coverage of the elections by the media outlets of the country can be noted as an element contributing to the legitimacy and transparency of the election process.

In conclusion, International Election Observer Mission of OTS affirms that the Early Presidential Election of the Republic of Kazakhstan was open, transparent and competitive, and complied with the national legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and internationally recognised election standards.

The Mission will share with the Member States and relevant International Organizations its evaluation of and recommendations on the Election of the President in the coming days.

We once again congratulate Kazakhstan and the Kazakh people for the successful elections and reiterate our hope that the results of the elections would further contribute to increasing welfare in the country and strengthening the brotherly relations in the Turkic World.