



**International Election Observation Mission  
Organization of Turkic States (OTS)  
Elections of Members of the Mazhilis of the Parliament and Maslikhats of the  
Republic of Kazakhstan  
(19 March 2023)  
STATEMENT**

The International Election Observer Mission of the Organization of Turkic States (hereinafter referred to as the Mission) conducted observation of the Elections of Members of the Mazhilis of the Parliament and Maslikhats of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 19 March 2023.

The Mission comprised the officials of the Secretariat of the Organization as well as the Central Election Commission representatives and diplomats from the Member States other than Kazakhstan. 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 international standards on the organization and conduct of elections.

In the framework of pre-election contacts, the Mission had meetings with representatives of political parties “Auyl”, “Nationwide Social Democratic Party” and “Amanat” on 17 March 2023 in order to get acquainted with the campaigning processes and preparations of the parties for the upcoming elections. The delegation discussed the subjects related to programs of the parties for the elections, the campaign funding, the access to media coverage and the legal framework for elections.

On the same day, the Mission met with Mr. Nurlan Abdirov, the Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Chairman provided comprehensive information about the election process, the participation of international observer missions and local observers in the elections, and preparations for the voting process for the citizens living abroad.

On the Election Day, the OTS delegation attended the opening of the polling station No. 431 in Astana. The opening was conducted in time according to the national election legislation. The Mission visited 32 polling stations in total.

Following the monitoring, the Mission states that it 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 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. 373 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 problems, which would affect the results of the election. The observers were given full access to the polling stations, and received necessary information from the polling station officials. The Mission observed no campaign materials visible inside or outside the polling stations, there were not any campaign activities taking place nearby the polling stations. In addition, the Mission observed no attempt by any outsider to influence voters on how to vote.

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 polls have been prepared in compliance with electoral law. The widespread coverage of the elections by the media outlets of the country was noted as an element contributing to the legitimacy and transparency of the election process. The Mission witnessed exit polls which were conducted outside of the voting stations.

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

We once again congratulate Kazakhstan and the Kazakh people for the successful elections and express our belief that the results of the elections would contribute to further development and prosperity in the country.