INSTRUCTION on the draw of political subjects to determine ballot placement (Consolidated text)

Pursuant to Article 2.9, paragraph 1, point 2 and in relation to Article 5.15, paragraph (2) of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, no. ", br. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 4/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/06, 24/06, 32/07, 33/08, 37/08, 32/10, 18/13, 7/14, 31/16, 41/20, 38/22, 51/22, 67/22 and 24/24) the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina has at its 20th session held on May 3, 2024 adopted

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Article 1 (Application)

The Instruction on the draw of political subjects to determine ballot placement (hereinafter: the Instruction) shall regulate the draw of political subjects to determine ballot placement.

Article 2 (Date)

The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Central Election Commission of BiH) shall no later than the 73 days before the Election Day conduct draw of certified political subjects to determine the ballot placement.

Article 3 (Place)

- (1) The draw referred to in Article 2 of this Instruction shall be held in the premises of the BiH Central Election Commission.
- (2) Exceptionally, if the draw cannot be held in the premises of the BiH Central Election Commission, the BiH Central Election Commission shall determine by its decision another suitable place for draw of certified political subjects for determining ballot placement.
- (3) The BiH Central Election Commission shall inform political subjects and the public about the place, date and time of the draw no later than 24 hours before the draw.

Article 4 (Method of lottery draw)

- (1) Draw referred to in Article 1 of this Instruction shall be done:
 - a) Electronically and/or
 - b) Manually.
- (2) All political subjects that are certified to participate in the election and that have submitted the candidates' lists shall take part in the draw for determining ballot placement.

Article 4.a (Electronic Draw)

- (1) The electronic draw procedure for political subjects involves using the international internet service Random.org to determine the order of political subjects.
- (2) The electronic draw is conducted by firstly establishing the List of political subjects (hereinafter: List of applications), according to the order in which political subjects' applications were submitted.

- (3) The List of applications, referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article, shall be uploaded to the application, after which the ballot placement of political subjects is determined by a set algorithm.
- (4) Transparency of the process is ensured by the ability to verify the draw procedure through the Random.org website.
- (5) A decision regarding the established ballot placement shall be made at a session of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (6) In the event of technical issues preventing the electronic draw, a manual draw will be conducted.

Article 4.b (Manual Draw)

The manual draw is carried out in such a way that the person in charge at the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina draws individual balls with the names of political subjects from a transparent glass container. After each ball is drawn, the ordinal number, code, and name of the political subject are read aloud and entered into a table, starting from ordinal number 1 and continuing until all the balls have been drawn from the transparent glass container.

Article 5 (Display of political subjects)

- (1) The actions set forth in Article 4a and 4b of this Instruction shall be presented chronologically via a projector on the screen, in accordance with the sequence in which political subjects are drawn.
- (2) The Central Election Commission of BiH shall determine the ballot placement after the procedure referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article and it shall be published on the website of the Central Election Commission of BiH www.izbori.ba.

Article 6 (Minutes of the draw)

- (1) Minutes of the draw shall be kept.
- (2) The Minutes are published on the website of the Central Election Commission of BiH www.izbori.ba and shall serve as a foundation for filing the complaints on the decision of the Central Election Commission of BiH referred to in Article 5, paragraph (2) of this Instruction.

Article 7 (Publicity of the draw)

- (1) The draw referred to in Article 1 of this Instruction shall be public and representatives of political subjects and the media may attend the procedure.
- (2) The Central Election Commission of BiH may ensure that the draw is broadcast live through public electronic media and / or live stream.

Article 8 (Analogue application of regulation)

The provisions of this Instruction set out in Articles 5, 6 and 7 shall, where possible, adequately apply to the procedure for conducting the public procedure for allocating seats on the polling stations set forth in Article 24 of the Rulebook on procedure for appointing polling station committee members for the 2024 Local Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, number: 05-1-02-2-577-1/24 of May 3, 2024.

Article 8a (Use of masculine and feminine expressions)

Words that are, for the sake of clarity, listed in one gender in this Instruction refer to both male and female genders without discrimination

Article 9 (Regulations included in this Instruction)

This Instruction includes the Instruction on the procedure for drawing lots of political subjects to determine the order on the ballot, number 05-1-02-2-625-1/22, dated May 4, 2022, and the Instruction on Amendments and Supplements to the Instruction on the draw of political subjects to determine to determine ballot placement, number 05-1-02-2-588-1/24, dated May 3, 2024.

Article 10 (Publication)

This Rulebook shall be published in the Official Gazette of BiH, the Official Gazette of Federation BiH, the Official Gazette of Republika Srpska, the Official Gazette of the BiH District of Brčko, as well as on the web page of the BiH Central Election Commission www.izbori.ba.

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