



INSTRUCTION
on Amendments to the Instruction on Conditions and Procedures for Accreditation of
Election Observers in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo, August 2026

Pursuant to Article 2.9 paragraph (1) item 2, and having regard to Article 17.10 paragraph (2) of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette of BiH”, Nos. 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, at its 49th session held on 13 August 2026, adopted the following

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Article 1.

In the Instruction on Conditions and Procedures for Accreditation of Election Observers in Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette of BiH”, Nos. 32/26, 41/26 and 54/26), Article 2, item c) is amended to read:

“c) international observer means a representative of an international governmental organization, a representative of a foreign state, election officials, and a representative of a registered international non-governmental organization with proven experience in the field of the electoral process or human rights;”

Article 2.

In Article 5, paragraph (2), after the words “contact details”, the following words are added: **“with the official internet domain and official e-mail addresses of the organization (applications submitted using free e-mail services will not be considered)”**.

In the same Article, after paragraph (5), new paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) are added to read:

“(6) An international non-governmental organization shall, together with the application for accreditation, submit the following evidence:

- a) an extract from the register of the competent authority of the state where the organization has its registered office, confirming the registration of the legal entity, not older than six months;**
- b) the statute or founding act showing that the objectives of the organization are aimed at election observation, the protection of human rights or the rule of law, and evidence/report of participation in election observation in the last two years;**
- c) proof that travel and health insurance have been secured and that the costs of stay are covered for all proposed observers.**

(7) For international non-governmental organizations from states that are not members of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the application for accreditation shall be submitted through that state’s diplomatic-consular mission having jurisdiction over Bosnia and Herzegovina or accompanied by an official recommendation/confirmation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the state in which the organization has its registered office confirming the organization’s credibility and activities.

(8) The documentation referred to in paragraphs (6) and (7) of this Article shall be submitted translated into one of the languages in official use in Bosnia and Herzegovina by a certified court interpreter.”

Article 3.

In Article 11, paragraph (5) is amended to read:

“(5) If international observers fail to submit the evidence and documentation referred to in Article 5 of this Instruction, or if, during the verification procedure, it is established that the authenticity requirements have not been met, the Central Election Commission of BiH shall reject the application for accreditation.”

In the same Article, after paragraph (5), a new paragraph (6) is added to read:

“(6) The Central Election Commission of BiH may submit the list of accredited international observers to the Service for Foreigners’ Affairs of BiH and the Border Police of BiH for the purpose of checking and verifying compliance with the conditions for the entry and stay of foreigners in Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

Article 4. (Entry into Force and Publication)

This Instruction shall enter into force on the date of its adoption and shall be published in the “Official Gazette of BiH”, “Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH”, “Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, “Official Gazette of the Brčko District of BiH” and on the website of the Central Election Commission of BiH www.izbori.ba.

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