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The Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation and the National Election Committee of the Kingdom of Cambodia hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

*Taking into account* the relationship formed between them,

*Reaffirming* commitment to the democratic development and generally accepted norms of human rights,

*Expressing their belief* that free, genuine, accountable and periodic elections based on respect of rights and freedoms of citizens and observance of norms of the suffrage are important components of democratic process,

*Seeking* to strengthen and develop cooperation in the sphere of improving of legislation on elections as well as raising the legal culture of the participants of electoral process and creating modern electoral technologies,

*Taking into account* the importance of cooperation of the Parties as an integral part of the relations between two states,

Have reached the following understanding:

1. Cooperation within the framework of the present Protocol is carried out on the basis of trust, equality and mutual interest, respect and observance of the state legislation of each Party.

2. With the purpose of improving of the national legislation on elections and referenda and the practice of preparing and holding elections and referenda of various levels, the Parties will develop cooperation in the following areas:

- Activities of electoral bodies to secure the realization of electoral rights;
- Raising the professional level of organizers of elections as well as legal culture of voters;



— Ensuring the rights of subjects of election process to campaigning with the use of mass media;

— Financing of election process - legal and organizational mechanisms of its maintenance and control;

— Development and use of modern electoral and other information technologies as well as the automated systems of registration, account and identification of voters, equipment, materials and components on maintenance of electoral process;

— Organization of voting in remote areas.

The Parties reached the understanding that cooperation can also cover other mutually defined directions connected with elections that will be defined by bilateral coordination.

### 3. Cooperation of the Parties can be carried out in the following forms:

— Exchange of results of the scientific and practical research connected to preparing and holding elections, bills on elections and appropriate experts conclusions;

— Exchange of experts on the organization of elections as well as on supervision over holding elections with a propose of mutual information and studies of experience;

— Organizing and holding of seminars, scientific and practical conferences, round tables and other events on topics of mutual interest;

— Sending of representatives to supervise the preparation and holding of elections in the State of other Party;

— Joint participation in the actions held by regional, international professional and non-governmental organizations of organizers of elections, and also with other organizations and institutes specializing in the field of development of electoral systems, suffrage, protection of electoral rights.

4. In the sphere of improvement of the national legislation on elections and activities of election commissions the Parties will exchange experience on the following issues:

- Maintenance of fair and open character of elections;
- Legal regulation of political parties and other subjects of electoral process activities at holding elections to the bodies of the State and local administration;
- Improvement of separate institutes of the legislation on elections, connected to preparing and holding elections.

The Parties will also exchange information on the issues of codification of the international electoral standards and their application in the legislation on elections as well as in practical work of the election bodies.

5. In the sphere of the raising of professional level of organizers of elections as well as the legal culture of voters the Parties will exchange:

- Experience on professional training of organizers of elections, on raising the legal culture of voters, appropriate topical plans and programs;
- Practice of promotion and content of training programs for voters (citizens) in the election area;
- Methodical, informational, analytic and reference materials;
- Experience on creation of the audio-visual and other production appropriate to various aspects of election campaigns.

6. In the sphere of securing the rights of subjects of the processes of elections during election campaign the Parties will exchange experience on the following issues:

- Forms and means of campaigning at election;
- Rights and duties of stakeholders of election process in campaigning;
- Peculiarities of campaigning with the use of state and non-state mass media at the cost of the state or municipal budget and at the cost of the electoral funds of subjects of the electoral process;

— Powers of the election commissions, activities of state bodies and institutions of local administration on organization and maintenance of conditions for campaigning at elections.

7. In the sphere of financing of elections, the Parties will exchange experience on following issues:

- The order of allocation and use of the funds of the state budget;
- The organization of the control of the targeted use of the funds of the state budget as well as of sources of receipt and expenditure of the means of electoral funds of political parties and other subjects of the process of elections;
- Techniques of accounting in the field of use of the funds of the state budget by election commissions as well as other participants of the process of election.

8. In the sphere of development and use of modern electoral and other information technologies and equipment, the Parties will exchange experience and material in the following directions:

- Automatization of the process of counting and registration of voters;
- Automatization of the process of identification of voters, technologies and equipment;
- Technologies and the equipment for the automated voting, verification and summarizing of the results of counting of votes at polling stations;
- Technologies and equipment on handling, saving and transferring of the information, on creating databases, and other auxiliary and accompanying materials, components and instruments, connected to the organization of electoral process.

9. For the realization of available arrangements, the Parties will give each other necessary organizational, technological, methodological and other assistance.

- The costs connected to the exchange of experts and to the participation in



events, will be held by the other Party, unless the Parties have previously reached a different agreement, are carried out in the following order:

— The directing Party will bear the transport charges connected to the travel of the delegates to the country of assignment;

— The hosting Party will bear boarding and lodging charges of the delegates, connected to the programs of staying

10. The present Protocol can be amended or altered upon consent of the Parties.

11. The present Protocol will apply from the date of its signing for five years.

Thereafter its application will be automatically extended for the subsequent periods of five years if neither Party not less than six months prior to the expiration of the corresponded 5 years period notifies the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate its application.

12. The present Protocol is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations regulated by international law.

Signed in the city of Moscow on March , "17", 2018 in two originals, each in Russian, Khmer and English.

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