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The World Federation

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Dear Shan-E-Abbas Hassam

Salamun Alaikum

The Election Commission counted the results on February 16, 2020 at the Annex of Hujjat center in Stanmore. **The PRELIMINARY results, subject to the outcome of arbitration outcome initiated by candidate Ashakhusein Rashid,** are shown in the table below:

Federation	Electoral Votes	Ashak Rashid	Aunali Khalfan	Husein Jiwa	Safder Jaffer
AFED	19	4.07	0.55	2.56	11.82
FAC	1	0.23	0.01	0.37	0.38
COEJ	15	3.54	0.21	5.06	6.19
India	20	3.52	0.27	1.10	15.12
NASIMCO	13	2.21	0.40	4.95	5.44
Pakistan	20	1.55	0.15	4.23	14.08
Total	88	15.12	1.60	18.26	53.03

Details of each region/jamaat count are appended.

At the counting of the ballots,

1. The Executive Council had appointed two Executive Councillors to discharge the clause 20.3 of the constitution. This clause requires the Executive Council to appoint two Executive Councillors to witness the count. Both appointees were absent. The appointees were Amir Merali and Mariam Hassam.

Amir bhai Merali excused himself due to his umrah journey.

Mariam Bai Hassam, who confirmed her attendance night before the scheduled meeting sent the Electoral Commission (EC) an email outlining her reasons for not attending in the morning of meeting. The secretariat has been provided with her rational.

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2. The EC appointed four independent observers to witness the counting of the votes. The 4 independent observers were: Azad Dhalla, Sultan Govani, Azad Poptani and Azad Govani.
3. The Election Commission proceeded with the ballot counting. The ballots are maintained at the WF Secretariat should the two observers at the EXCO wish to go and verify the count.
4. Candidates were all accorded the privilege to send observers.
 - a. Candidate Ashakhusein Rashid sent an observer, Murtaza Jaffer. Earlier in the counting process he had asked if the counting was being video recorded by the EC. We were not recording it. However the Chair of EC allowed all the parties present to record whatever they wanted, take pictures, walk around and check ballot papers, oversee the counting and ask any questions.
About an hour into the counting process observer Murtaza Jaffer informed the EC Chair that he was leaving as he was instructed by his candidate to walk out as the Exco observers were absent. And he walked away.
 - b. Candidate Safder Jaffer sent two observers, Asif Chandoo and Makbul Jaffer who were present throughout the duration.
 - c. Candidate Dr. Hussein Jiwa declined to send observers asserting that he was not satisfied with the EC's response to his issue raised over the membership of one of the candidates.
 - d. Candidate Aunali Khalfan sent no observers and stated he trusted the process.
5. The counting of the ballots was assisted by staff of The World Federation (WF) and EC members. The EC extends its appreciation to the WF staff.
6. There are about nine jamaats who did not submit the ballots. Ballots were due within 48 hours of closing of the polls on January 30/31, 2020. Two reminders were sent and a final one to submit by February 14, 2020 were provided to the jamaats. These are small jamaats and do not impact the preliminary results. These were, Nampula (Mozambique) Ambovombe, Antsirabe, Antsohihy and Belo (Madagascar) Sangli and Warora (India), Hussaini Assoc. of Saskatoon and IMEC Maryland (NASIMCO)
7. The counting started at about 10:15 AM, with a break for midday prayers and lunch, and concluded at about 3:45 PM.

8. We found no issues with the ballots. There were a handful of spoiled ballots (e.g. two names ticked). One jamaat submitted a transmittal with no enclosed ballot papers. The numbers were small, and do not impact the preliminary results.

With salaams,

The Electoral Commission
Mujtaba Datoos – Chairperson
Mrs Waheeda Rahim – Member
Dr Jaffer Dharsee - Member