

## Spot Report

### **Tajikistan announces date for parliamentary elections**

On 14 December, President Rahmon issued a decree assigning the date for the next election to the *Majlisi Namoyandagon*, the lower chamber of parliament, on 28 February 2010. Elections for local and regional councils will be conducted on the same date.

Moreover, on 14 December, the President proposed a new composition of the nine-member Central Commission for Elections and Referenda (CCER), to be approved by Parliament. On the same day, the President met with the CCER and called upon its members to “organize free and transparent elections”.

The Supreme Assembly of the Republic of Tajikistan (*Majlisi Oli*) has two chambers. The Assembly of Representatives, *Majlisi Namoyandagon*, is the lower chamber with 63 members elected for a five-year term, 22 of whom are elected from political party lists with a proportional system, while 41 members are elected from single-mandate constituencies. The National Assembly, *Majlisi Milli*, is the upper chamber with 33 members; 25 are elected by the regional councils, while eight are appointed by the President. According to the presidential decree, elections to the *Majlisi Milli* will be held on 25 March 2010.

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