

**REGULATION**  
**on the nomination and registration of candidates for the position of Member of the**  
**Parliament of the Republic of Moldova**

**Chapter I. General provisions**

1. This regulation sets forth the conditions of nominating candidates for the position of Member of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, the way of constituting and registering the initiative groups, the procedure of drafting, submitting and checking of the documents and signatures collecting lists to register candidates running for the position of the Member of the Parliament in single member districts, including in those that are located abroad and the localities from the Left Bank of the Nistru River (Transnistria), Bender Municipality and some localities from Causeni rayon (hereinafter referred to as localities from the left bank of the Nistru River (Transnistria), the procedure of drafting, submitting and checking of the documents to register the lists of candidates running for Member of the Parliament of the national electoral district, as well as specific requirements related to the registering of electoral blocs of parties for Parliamentary Elections.

2. For the purpose of this regulation, parties, other socio-political organizations and electoral bloc of parties as well as the candidates nominated by them are deemed *joint applicants* while candidates that nominate themselves for Member of the Parliament are deemed *individual applicants*.

3. The nomination of candidates running for MP in the national electoral district shall start 60 days and shall end 30 days prior the election day.

4. The process of candidates' nomination shall imply:

*a) in the national district* – the approval of joint applicants during the authorized bodies' meetings, according to their statutory provisions or constitutive acts, protocols on the nomination of lists of candidates running for MP position in the national district;

*b) in single member districts:*

- the approval of joint applicants during the authorized bodies' meetings, according to their statutory provisions or constitutive acts, protocols on the nomination of lists of candidates running for MP position in the single member district and the establishment of initiative groups for signatures' collection set forth in Article 87 of the Electoral Code, drafting and submission for registration as electoral competitor of documents set forth in Article 49(1) letters a) – f), i) – k) of the Electoral Code, and of signatures collecting lists as provided in Article 47 and Article 86 of the Electoral Code;

- the submission of own candidacy for MP and the establishment of the initiative group supporting the appropriate competitor according to the provisions of Article 87 of the Electoral Code, drafting and submission for registration as electoral candidate of documents set forth in Article 49(1) letters a) – f), i) – k) of the Electoral Code, and of signatures collecting lists as provided in Article 47 and Article 86 of the Electoral Code.

5. The decision to start the process of nominating candidates for Member of the Parliament shall be made by joint and independent applicants, only after the nomination period described at paragraph 3 herein has started and the documents concluded for this purpose are not dated prior to the launch of this period, except those set forth at paragraph 46 letters d) and f) hereof.

## **Chapter II. Particularities concerning the registration of electoral bloc of parties running for Parliamentary Elections**

6. Parties and other socio-political organizations may convene to form an electoral bloc of parties, thus agreeing in the protocols approved under their charters (regulations) that such bloc of parties shall run for elections.

7. The electoral bloc of parties shall be established under the constitutive agreement approved by the political parties and other socio-political organizations, registered as deemed by the legislation in force until the election date is set and that decided to join in an electoral bloc of parties, but no earlier than 30 days prior to the beginning of the nomination of candidates' period.

8. The constitutive agreement of the Electoral Bloc of Parties shall include:

- a) parties joining the electoral bloc of parties;
- b) full name, short name, electoral symbol and its description;
- c) authorized representative person/body (management/central body);
- d) approval and amendment procedure of the list of candidates for the national electoral district;
- e) procedure of constituting the initiative group and nominating candidates for single member districts;
- f) share distribution of state budget;
- g) procedure for winding-up (termination of activity) of the electoral bloc of parties;
- h) other provisions.

9. For the registration of an electoral bloc of parties with the Central Electoral Commission, the following documents shall be filed:

- a) The application of an electoral bloc of parties signed by the authorized representative person/persons or body;
- b) Protocols of the political parties according to which they decided to join in an electoral bloc of parties;
- c) The constitutive agreement of the electoral bloc of parties signed by the parties establishing the electoral bloc of parties;
- d) Documents set forth in paragraph 49 (1) of the Electoral Code, if applicable.

10. The documents set forth in paragraph 9 letter d) herein shall be filed at the same time with the registration of the electoral bloc of parties and only during the timeframe of nominating the candidates set forth in Article 46 (1) and (2) letter b) in relation to Article 49 (2) of the Electoral Code.

11. The electoral bloc of parties' name shall not be identical to other electoral competitors', other parties and socio-political organizations' names. If documents for the registration of electoral blocs of parties with identical names are filed, the first applicant submitting the complete set of documents for the registration shall be granted priority, provided that its application is accepted. The documents of other applicants shall be returned for the purpose of amending the name of the electoral bloc of parties. If the documents are submitted at the same time (the same day), a draw shall be held according to the Regulation on random drawing, approved by Decision No 1729 of 3 July 2018 of the Central Electoral Commission.

12. If only one member remains within the electoral bloc of parties, the latter shall not be automatically dissolved and once the period of nominating candidates ends the minimum threshold shall be applied, for the national electoral district, for obtaining seats in the Parliament, as per Article 95 (2) letter b) of the Electoral Code.

### **Chapter III. Establishment and registration of initiative groups supporting candidates running for the position of Member of the Parliament in a single member district**

13. The premises and time to file the documents for the registration of initiative groups supporting candidates running for the position of Member of the Parliament in a single member district shall be agreed by the Decisions of the Districts Electoral Councils during the meeting when the chairperson, deputy chairperson and the secretary of the District Electoral Council are elected, but no later than 2 (two) days from the beginning of the period for nominating the candidates. By the same decision or by adopting a new one, the Districts Electoral Councils shall set up the premises and time for the registration of electoral competitors running for Parliamentary Elections in the single member districts and the composition of the Draw Committee (according to the template set forth in Annex No 1 hereto).

14. The chairperson of the District Electoral Council shall issue a decision pursuant to which the Committee on documents reception and verification (*hereinafter referred to as DEC Reception Committee*), consisting of council members and its apparatus staff, working in registering the initiative groups and fulfilling duties set forth in paragraph 42 hereof (according to the template set forth in Annex No 2 hereto).

15. An initiative group supporting a candidate running for the position of Member of the Parliament in a single member district may support only one candidate for running for such a position. The members of the initiative group shall not also be members of another initiative group at the same time.

16. If the initiative to support a candidate running for the position of Member of the Parliament belongs to citizens with voting rights, the latter shall convene a meeting aiming to establish an initiative group to support the candidate concerned and to collect signatures on signatures collecting lists pursuant to Article 86 of the Electoral Code. The candidate supported by the group shall mandatory participate in the meeting for the creation of the initiative group. The established initiative group shall elect a leader who shall coordinate signatures' collection activity for the candidate from its supporters, shall check their authenticity, and shall compile and systematize signatures collecting lists according to the set requirements.

17. The results of the people's assembly on the establishment of the initiative group supporting the candidate running for the position of Member of the Parliament and the election of the leader of this group shall be recorded in a protocols signed by the candidate and the group leader, accompanied by the list of the initiative group members containing: first and last names, date, month and year of birth, state identification number (IDNP), domicile/residence, the position held within the initiative group (leader/member), date when the member of the group puts the signature on the list and the signature of the member of the group, according to the template set forth in Annex No 3 hereto.

18. In the case of political parties, other socio-political organizations, electoral bloc of parties, the initiative groups are established by the body which, according to the statutory provisions or their constitutive acts, is entitled to nominate candidates running for the position of Member of the Parliament, to appoint the leaders of the groups and to approve the list of members of the initiative groups to collect the signatures of the supporters of the respective candidates. The results of the meetings of the competent bodies of the joint applicants shall be recorded in separate protocols, in a number corresponding to the number of nominated candidates and initiative groups set up for their support in the single member districts, according to the template set forth in Annex No 4 hereto. Each protocols shall be signed by the leader of the respective group and by the chairperson of the meeting or, as applicable, by the entitled

person, according to the statutory provisions of the joint applicants, accompanied by the list of the initiative group members containing the information provided in paragraph 17 hereof.

19. For the registration of the initiative group, the candidate running for the position of Member of the Parliament shall personally submit, at least 50 days prior to the election day, at the concerned District Electoral Council the following documents:

a) application (registration application) in written form; for independent applicants – according to the template set forth in *Annex No 5* and for joint applicants – according to the template set forth in *Annex No 6* hereto.

The District Electoral Council shall register the respective application in a registry, drawn up in accordance with the rules for secretariat record keeping, which shall include the following headings: the number, the last name, first name of the candidate, the name of the political party that nominated him/her/ the note “Independent Candidate”, the date the documents have been submitted and the signature of the candidate who submitted them. The headings in the registry shall be filled out personally by the candidate applying the signature which shall correspond to the specimen of the signature in the identity document, thus confirming the fact that the documents have been submitted personally by him/her;

b) the protocols of the people’s meeting/of the competent body of joint applicants on the establishment of the initiative group and support/nomination of the candidate for the position of Member of the Parliament;

c) list of initiative group members, including the electronic version of the list without the heading “Signature”;

d) copy of the identity document, accompanied by the booklet for series A IDs (both sides – recto and verso);

e) decision of the initiative group’s leader on the appointment of a person in charge for the finances of the initiative group (treasurer), if applicable;

f) charter and registration certificate for political parties and other socio-political organizations. Copies of the aforementioned documents shall be submitted. For the charter, its typographic version shall be acceptable;

g) for electoral bloc of parties, the copy of the Central Electoral Commission’s Decision on their registration.

20. Within 3 days from the receipt of the documents listed in paragraph 19 hereof, the District Electoral Council shall verify their correctness and decide on to register or to reject the registration of the initiative group.

21. If, at the stage of checking the lists of members of the initiative groups submitted for registration to the District Electoral Council, it is found that the same person has applied his/her signature on several lists to be part of another or from several initiative groups, only the first chronological signature shall be valid, subsequent signatures shall be deemed null, and that person shall be denied registration for other groups. If a person signs on the same day to be a member of several initiative groups, these signatures shall be deemed invalid and that person shall be denied registration as a member of the group.

22. If the submitted documents meet the set requirements, the District Electoral Council shall, within 3 days from the date of submission of the list of members, adopt a decision on the registration of the initiative group, issue the ID cards for the members of the initiative group registered according to the templates set forth in the Regulation on Compilation, Authenticating, Submitting and Verifying Signatures Collecting Lists, approved by CEC Decision No 1730 of 3 July 2018, as well as signatures collecting list forms in a sufficient number to collect signatures within the maximum threshold set forth in Article 86 of the Electoral Code.

23. The District Electoral Council shall refuse the registration of the initiative group should the documents listed in paragraph 19 hereof be missing or should some deviations from the legal provisions be identified when examining them. The decision of the District Electoral

Council on the refusal to register the initiative group may be challenged under the provisions set forth in Article 71 of the Electoral Code.

24. The requests to amend and fill in the membership of the initiative group may be submitted, no later than 50 days prior to the elections, by the leader of the initiative group whose prerogative in this sense is set up on his/her appointment and respectively, the establishment of the group, by recording this fact in the protocols drawn up in accordance with paragraphs 17 and 18 hereof. The leader of the initiative group may be re-elected under the same conditions in which his/her election/appointment took place and only among the members of the group, submitting to the District Electoral Council the protocols on the replacement the group leader within 3 days from the date of its establishment, but not later than the date of submission of the documents for the registration as an electoral competitor of the candidate running for the position of Member of the Parliament.

25. The conditions for the establishment and the registration of the initiative groups described herein are also applicable to those supporting the candidates from single member districts abroad and from localities on the left bank of the Dniester River (Transnistria). The documents for the registration of the respective groups shall be submitted to the District Electoral Councils established for this purpose, with the headquarters in Chisinau municipality.

#### **Chapter IV. Special conditions for signatures collecting and signatures collecting lists' compilation**

26. Signatures collecting, compilation and authentication of signatures collecting lists, the procedure and the deadline to submit them for verification and the responsibility of people in charge for signatures collecting and of supporters shall be set forth in the Electoral Code No 1381-XIII of 21 November 1997, Regulation on Compilation, Authenticating, Submitting and Verifying Signatures Collecting Lists, approved by CEC Decision No 1730 of 3 July 2018, the this Regulation.

27. The initiative group may start the process of signatures collecting of the supporters of the candidate running for the position of Member of the Parliament as of the date of issue of cards to the group members and the forms of the signatures collecting lists by the District Electoral Council, based on the delivery-receipt document.

28. Signatures collecting for the candidate running for the Member of the Parliament shall be carried out by the initiative group's members in accordance with the general requirements set forth in Article 47 of the Electoral Code and the general conditions from Article 86 of the Electoral Code, including in compliance with the law on the personal data protection.

29. The members of the initiative group shall ensure, in accordance with the provisions of the law on personal data protection, the confidentiality and the conformity of personal data entry by the supporters of the candidate running for the Member of the Parliament, to which they have access, having the obligation not to use/process the data for purposes other than the one set, and not to disclose the data that they have become aware of in their work, even after termination of the initiative group, subject to penalties for the violations of the law on personal data protection.

30. The signatures collecting lists used, the unused ones and the cards of the members of the group shall be returned to the District Electoral Council together with the documents for the registration of the candidate nominated as an electoral competitor. Failure to return the signatures collecting lists shall serve as grounds to address the competent bodies to ensure compliance with the law on personal data protection.

31. The signatures collecting lists with the signatures of the supporters of the candidate for the position of Member of the Parliament, collected by the members of the initiative group, shall be systematized by first-level administrative territorial units (city halls) on the territory of which

the signatures were collected, to which the lists with the signatures collected in the localities in their composition are attached and arranged in the order of the localities of the single member district, established according to the Government Decision regarding the approval of the permanent single member districts. Signatures collecting lists systematized according to the aforementioned procedure shall fall into a single file and shall be numbered starting with the order numbers of 1, 2, 3, ... n (n - the serial number of the last signatures collecting list from the systematized file).

32. The numbered and systematized signatures collecting lists shall be accompanied by an informative note stating the number of the signatures collecting lists and of signatures on these lists per each first-level administrative territorial unit, including the total number per the respective single member district (*according to the template set forth in Annex No 7 hereto*).

33. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply accordingly to the signatures collecting lists containing the signatures of the supporters of the candidate running for the position of Member of the Parliament from the single member districts abroad and those established for the localities on the left bank of the Dniester River (Transnistria). The signatures collecting lists for these single member districts may contain the signatures of the supporters from any single member district out of the 51 established for the Parliamentary Elections, but without exceeding the threshold set forth in Article 86(1) of the Electoral Code. The submitted signatures collecting lists shall be systematized in a single file in accordance with the requirements set forth in paragraphs 31 and 32 hereof in the appropriate manner.

34. The leader of the initiative group and the candidate nominated to run for the position of Member of the Parliament shall be in charge to comply with the conditions for systematization and submission of signatures collecting lists, according to paragraphs 31 - 33 hereof and Article 86 of the Electoral Code.

35. The members of the initiative group shall be responsible for the accuracy of the data included in the signatures collecting lists submitted for verification and shall be in charge, in accordance with the legislation in force, for the submission of false and/or untruthful data.

36. The conditions and the financing of the initiative group as well as the procedure for submission to the CEC of the cash flow reports related to the activity of the initiative group shall be set forth in the Regulation on the financing of the activity of the initiative group approved by CEC Decision No 114 of 18 August 2016.

## **Chapter V. Special conditions for candidates running for the position of Member of the Parliament and the procedure to file documents for the registration as electoral competitors**

### ***Section 1. Special conditions for candidates running for Parliamentary Elections***

37. The candidates running for the position of Member of the Parliament may be people with voting right, citizens of the Republic of Moldova that have reached, including on the day of elections, 18 years.

38. The candidates nominated by joint applicants as well as independent candidates may compete only in one single member district.

39. The same person may be included only in one list of candidates of one electoral competitor.

40. For Parliamentary Elections, one person may run both for the national electoral district and for single member district. The person included in the list of candidates from an electoral competitor running for the elections on the national electoral district may also run in one single member district from the same electoral competitor or as an independent candidate.

## ***Section 2. Filing documents for the registration of electoral competitors***

41. Pursuant to Article 49(2) of the Electoral Code, the Central Electoral Commission shall set the place and time when and where to receive the documents for the registration of electoral competitors running for the Parliamentary Elections, by adopting a decision in this regards. At the same time, by CEC Chairperson's initiative, the Committee for the Reception and Verification of Electoral Documents (*hereinafter referred to as the CEC Reception Committee*) shall be established which shall receive documents to register candidates running for Member of the Parliament elections for the national electoral district (*templates provided in Annexes No 1 and 2 hereof shall duly apply*). CEC members and CEC Apparatus officials shall be nominated as members of the CEC Reception Committee.

42. The District Electoral Councils shall determine the place and the time of receiving the documents for the registration of the electoral candidates running for the Parliamentary Elections, by adopting a decision pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 13 hereof. The CEC Reception Committee established by the initiative of the Chairman of the District Electoral Council according to the provisions of paragraph 14 hereof shall receive and check the electoral documents submitted for the registration of candidates in the single member districts.

43. In order to register candidates running for the position of Member of the Parliament in the national electoral district, the Central Electoral Commission shall, at least 30 days prior to the Election Day, be presented the documents set forth in Article 49 of the Electoral Code and in compliance with the conditions set out in Article 46(3) and Article 84(2) letter a) of the Electoral Code.

The initiative launched pursuant to paragraph 46 hereof shall be submitted to the Central Electoral Commission by the authorized person of the joint applicant pursuant to the statutory provisions or its constitutive acts, being registered in accordance with the rules for secretarial record keeping.

Simultaneously, every person included in the list of candidates running for the national electoral district shall confirm that it has personally submitted the documents by filling in a list made available by the members of the CEC Reception Committee, which shall contain the following headings: the number, the candidate's first name, last name, the name of the political party who nominated him/her, the date of submission of the documents and the application of the signature that shall correspond to the specimen of the signature in the identity document. The list thus completed shall ultimately be certified by the signature of the members of the CEC Reception Committee designated in charge for the receipt of the set of documents from the joint applicants.

44. For the registration of the candidates running for the Member of the Parliament in the single member district, the candidates shall personally submit to the District Electoral Councils, no later than 30 days prior to the Election Day, the documents set forth in Article 49 of the Electoral Code and the signatures collecting lists drawn up in accordance with the conditions set forth in Article 47 and Article 86 of the Electoral Code.

In this case, the District Electoral Council shall register the request in line with paragraph 46 hereof, in a register drawn up in accordance with the rules for secretarial record keeping, which shall contain the following headings: number, the candidate's first name, last name, the name of the political party nominating him/her or as "Independent Candidate", the date the documents have been submitted and the signature of the candidate who submitted them. The headings in the registry shall be filled in personally by the candidate with the application of the signature, which shall correspond to the specimen of the signature in the identity document, thus confirming that they have personally submitted the documents.

45. The draw of lots to determine the order of documents reception from the candidates running for Member of the Parliament, as well as the order of registration of the electoral

competitors in the ballot paper shall be carried out pursuant to the provisions of the Regulation on the Draw of lots, approved by CEC Decision No 1729 of 3 July 2018.

46. The application (registration application) in writing (*pursuant to the template in Annexes No 8 and No 9 hereto*) shall be addressed to the Central Electoral Commission or to District Electoral Councils, accompanied by the following documents:

a) if applicable, the protocols of the competent body's meeting of the political party, or other socio-political organization or electoral bloc of parties on the nomination of the list of candidates for the national electoral district, drawn up pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 (3) and Article 84 (2) letter a) of the Electoral Code;

b) if applicable, the signatures collecting lists with a sufficient number of signatures of the candidate for the single member district, numbered and systematized pursuant to paragraphs 31 and 32 hereof and in compliance with the provisions of Article 86 of the Electoral Code;

c) biographical data of the candidate;

d) the candidate's statement to run for Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, accompanied by the affidavit stating the lack of legal/court interdictions to run for the elections;

e) the declaration of assets and personal interests of the candidate for the last 2 years prior to the year of the elections, pursuant to the Law on Declaration of Assets and Personal Interests;

f) the integrity certificate issued, pursuant to the law, by the National Authority of Integrity;

g) the declaration on suspension of the positions during the electoral campaign, for persons who fall under the provisions of Article 13(3) of the Electoral Code;

h) the electoral sign both in electronic version and hard copy, if applicable;

i) the copy of the candidate's ID with the booklet( for series A IDs), both sides – recto and verso.

The candidates nominated for the national electoral district, together with the documents specified at letters (a) and (h) herein, the documents referred to at letters c) - g) and i) shall be systematized and presented to the Central Electoral Commission in sets, per candidate included in the list, attached to the application in the order specified in the submitted candidates' list.

47. The joint applicants shall attach, to the protocols of the competent body of the political party, other socio-political organization of the electoral bloc of parties during which the decision to nominate candidates running for Member of the Parliament in the national electoral district, the list of candidates running for Member of the Parliament drawn up as a table, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article 46(3) of the Electoral Code, with the full name of the political party nominating them and the following headings:

a) number;

b) last name;

c) first name;

d) sex;

e) year of birth;

f) domicile/residence;

g) state identification number (IDNP);

h) political affiliation;

i) profession (if the candidate holds two or more professions, only one of them shall be provided);

j) the job title held at the current moment in the entity t carries its activity (if the candidate carries its activity in more entities, the main job shall be provided);

k) the place of work – the entity in which the candidate is carrying out his/her activity and the locality the entity has its seat (if the candidate works in more entities, only the main job shall be provided).



48. The list of candidates running for Member of the Parliament in the national electoral district shall be filled out (in Romanian and Russian languages) and presented, together with the application for registration, in electronic version. The document shall be drawn up in accordance with the template in Annex No 10 hereto. The template may be downloaded from the official website of the Central Electoral Commission ([www.cec.md](http://www.cec.md)), under the tab “Parliamentary Elections”.

49. The form with the biographical data of the candidate shall be filled out pursuant to the template from Annex No 11 hereto and shall be downloaded from the official website of the Central Electoral Commission ([www.cec.md](http://www.cec.md)), under the heading “Parliamentary Elections”. The document may be filled out both manually and electronically, but the candidate’s signature shall be hand-written. The section “Other biographical data” is optional and shall be filled out in free form.

50. The candidate’s statement regarding the consent to run for the position of Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, with the note related to his/her affidavit on legal/court restrictions to run for the elections, and the lack of restrictions set out in Article 2(61) of Law no. 39-XIII of 07.04.1994 on the statute of the Member of the Parliament shall be drafted in accordance with the templates in Annexes No 12 and, where applicable, No 13 hereto. The document form may be downloaded from the official website of the Central Electoral Commission ([www.cec.md](http://www.cec.md)), under the compartment “Parliamentary Elections” and may be filled out both manually and electronically, but the candidate’s signature shall be hand-written.

51. The declaration on the assets and personal interests of the candidate for the last 2 years prior to the year of the elections, pursuant to Law the Declaration on Assets and Personal Interests shall be drafted pursuant to the template in Annex No 14 hereto. The document form may be downloaded from the official website of the Central Electoral Commission ([www.cec.md](http://www.cec.md)), under the compartment “Parliamentary Elections” and may be filled out both manually and electronically, but the candidate’s signature shall be hand-written.

52. The declaration on suspension of the positions during the electoral campaign for persons who fall under the provisions of Article 13(3) of the Electoral Code shall be drafted pursuant to the template in Annex No 15 hereto. The document form may be downloaded from the official website of the Central Electoral Commission ([www.cec.md](http://www.cec.md)), under the compartment “Parliamentary Elections” and may be filled out both manually and electronically, but the candidate’s signature shall be hand-written.

53. The submission of the electoral sign shall be optional. If they file for registration, the electoral sign shall be submitted on hard copy, in black and white color, with a detailed description and on electronic media, in compliance with the following requirements:

- a) the graphic file with the electoral sign shall be submitted in .TIFF/.PNG/.JPG file;
- b) the sign shall be submitted in two files with the size 15×15 mm and 50×50 mm;
- c) the electronic version of the electoral sign shall be in black and white colors.

The joint applicants shall submit to the Central Electoral Commission the electoral sign in the requested form, including if they nominate candidates running for Member of the Parliament in the single member district.

Independent applicants shall file the electoral sign to the District Electoral Council, only if they have one.

### ***Section 3. The receipt of signatures collecting lists by the District Electoral Council***

54. Upon receipt of the documents submitted for the registration of candidates running for Member of the Parliament, the DEC Reception Committee shall verify, in compliance with the Electoral Code, the Regulation on Compilation, Authenticating, Submitting and Verifying

Signatures Collecting Lists, approved by CEC Decision No 1730 of 3 July 2018 and hereof, the signatures collecting lists submitted by the candidate.

55. Upon receipt of signatures collecting lists, the DEC Reception Committee shall check them only in quantitative terms. The delivery-receipt document shall state the number of declared signatures of the candidate's supporters, the authenticity of which shall be checked together with the documents set forth in paragraph 46 hereof.

56. If the initiative group submits signatures collecting lists containing more than the threshold of 1000 signatures for the male candidate and 500 signatures for the female candidate, the DEC Reception Committee shall only receive the signatures collecting lists with the number of signatures in the limits provided in Article 86(1) of the Electoral Code, leaving it to the discretion of the initiative group to select the signatures collecting lists to be submitted for verification to the DEC Reception Committee. The other signatures collecting lists containing signatures over the 500 and 1000 threshold respectively shall also be received, but shall not be subject to verification, being systematized, numbered and sewn in a separate file.

57. The parties involved in the submission and receipt of signatures collecting lists are the candidate running for Member of the Parliament assisted by the leader of the initiative group and the members of the DEC Reception Committee.

58. The delivery-receipt procedure of signatures collecting lists shall be carried out following the stages set forth below:

a) the nominated members from the DEC Reception Committee receive and check the signatures collecting lists in quantitative terms, separately per each first-level administrative territorial unit of the respective single member district;

b) after the signatures collecting lists are quantitatively checked, the DEC Reception Committee systemizes them to be sewn into files (a separate file containing lists already checked, a separate file that includes unused, damaged, or lists submitted without being checked) and sealed in the proper way;

c) for the folder with the signatures collecting lists for each candidate running for Member of the Parliament in the single member district, an informative note shall be drawn up which shall contain the following elements: the single member electoral district for which he/she is running, the name of the first-level administrative territorial units (mayor halls) within the respective district/districts for candidates from the single member electoral districts from abroad and those established for the localities on the left bank of the Dniester River (Transnistria), the number of the signatures collecting lists, the heading "File Number", the last and the first name of the leader of the initiative group and the member of the DEC Reception Committee in charge for the submission and receipt of the lists, the date the informative note is drawn up (*according to the template in Annex No 16 hereto*);

d) the signatures collecting lists that have been quantitatively checked, together with the informative note, shall be sewn in the upper part (horizontal position, form A3) and sealed on the verso of the last page, indicating the total number of the sheets of the sealed signatures collecting lists, the first and last name of the leader of the initiative group and the member of the DEC Reception Committee shall be entered and applying their signatures;

e) The files with the signatures collecting lists, sewn and sealed pursuant to the requirements at letters b) - d) herein shall be handed to the person in charge for the entry, in electronic form, of the data processed according to the informative note and the note of the processed file's record number. The file's record number shall consist of 3 digits.

59. The forms of the signatures collecting lists not used or canceled by the initiative group, indicating the assigned numbers, shall be returned to the District Electoral Council together with the submission of the registration application and the submission of the duly drawn up signatures collecting lists. If the initiative group does not list the unused or canceled list numbers when submitting the signatures collecting lists, this shall be noted when receiving the

lists by the DEC Reception Committee together with the leader of the initiative group and the results shall be recorded in the delivery-receipt document.

***Section 4. Verification of signatures collecting lists and drafting of the informative note on the verification of the signatures collecting lists***

60. The District Electoral Council shall check the data included in the signatures collecting lists and the authenticity of the supporters' signatures of the candidate running for Member of the Parliament, pursuant to a procedure set up for this purpose.

61. In order to carry out the procedure for checking the signatures collecting lists, working groups shall be established by the initiative of the Chairperson of the District Electoral Council, issued pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 14 hereof, and the members of the DEC Reception Committee shall be appointed as coordinators of the activity of these groups (*hereinafter* - group coordinators).

62. The members of the working groups shall sign confidentiality declarations regarding the protection of personal data, pursuant with the provisions of the legislation in force, according to the template in Annex No 17 hereto.

The signatures collecting lists shall be checked in accordance with the provisions of Article 47, Article 48 and Article 86 of the Electoral Code and in compliance with the procedure described in the Regulation on Compilation, Authenticating, Submitting and Verifying Signatures Collecting Lists, approved by CEC Decision No 1730 of 3 July 2018.

63. If, in the process of checking the signatures collecting lists, after finding that some signatures collecting lists as null and void, it shall be established that the number of remaining signatures is below the threshold provided in Article 86(1) of the Electoral Code, the responsible working group of the DEC Reception Committee shall initiate the cessation of the procedure for checking the signatures collecting lists and shall submit an informative note to the Electoral Council on the results of the verification in order to make a decision in this regard.

**Chapter VI. Registration of electoral competitors and amendment of lists of candidates registered for the national electoral district**

64. The results on the receipt of documents and signatures collecting lists pursuant to paragraph 46 shall be recorded in the delivery-receipt document (*according to the template in Annex No 18 hereto*).

65. If the documents submitted pursuant to paragraph 46 hereof meet the requirements set out in Article 49(1) and (3) and Article 85 of the Electoral Code, the Central Electoral Commission or the District Electoral Councils shall adopt a decision on the registration of the list of candidates/candidate running for Member of the Parliament and shall issue the candidate ID cards according to the template approved by the Central Electoral Commission (*Annex 19 hereto*) as soon as possible but no later than 3 days after the date of registration.

66. If the submitted documents do not meet the requirements set forth in the Electoral Code, the Regulation on Compilation, Authenticating, Submitting and Verifying Signatures Collecting Lists, approved by CEC Decision No 1730 of 3 July 2018 and this Regulation, as well as in case of non-compliance with the conditions set forth in Article 46(3) of the Electoral Code, the Central Electoral Commission, or as the case may be, the District Electoral Council rejects the registration as electoral competitor, adopting a decision in this sense.

67. The amendments to the candidate lists, set forth in Article 88, shall be made in compliance with the minimum representation share set forth in Article 46(3) of the Electoral Code.

68. No later than 30 days prior to the Election Day, the electoral competitors registered in the national electoral district shall be entitled to request, by submitting a decision of the political party who nominated them in the list of candidates, the following amendments:

- amendment of list of candidates running for Member of the Parliament (replacement of one candidate in the registered list by excluding him/her and nominating another one; the shift of position in the list and the withdrawal of the candidate from the registered list);

- completion of candidate lists within the provisions set forth in Article 84(2) of the Electoral Code;

- withdrawal of the entire list of candidates.

Up to 14 days prior to the Election Day, the electoral competitors shall have the right to withdraw the entire list of candidates, to replace a candidate, to cancel the decision to include a particular candidate on the list. Between 14 and 7 days prior to the Election Day, only the shift of the of the candidate's position in the list or the exclusion thereof shall be allowed.

69. Once the deadline for the registration of candidates has passed, the respective electoral body shall publish the full list of candidates it registered, indicating the first and last name, year of birth, domicile, political affiliation, profession (occupation) of the candidates and the name of the political party, socio-political organizations or the electoral bloc of parties that nominated them. Candidates' lists shall be available for consultation at every polling station.