Instituto Nacional Electoral

PUBLIC NOTICE TO FOREIGN VISITORS INTERESTED TO KNOW THE 2021 PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN MEXICO

The National Electoral Institute is a public and autonomous body with legal entity and own assets. The Legislative Power of the Union, the national political parties and the citizens participate in its integration in the terms stated by the Law. This Institute is bestowed with electoral authority and is responsible of the state function of organizing the Mexican federal elections. In the exercise of this state responsibility it holds the guiding principles of certainty, legality, independence, impartiality, maximum publicity, and objectivity.

The General Council is the highest governing body, responsible for monitoring compliance with constitutional and legal provisions on electoral matters. Which, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 44, paragraph 2, of the General Law on Electoral Institutions and Procedures Article 219, paragraph 1, of the Elections Regulations, as well as in terms of First Point of the Agreement of the General Council of the National Electoral Institute issues the Public Notice to those people of the international community interested to be accredited as foreign visitor to attend the Public Consultation to be held on August 1st, 2021 in the Mexican United States, INE/CG629/2021, approved on July 14, 2021, issues this Public Notice in accordance with the following

BASES

I. GENERAL BASES

1. The present Notice is addressed to any non-Mexican citizen interested in knowing about the Public Consultation to be held on August 1st, 2021 in the Mexican United States, including representatives of:
   a. Electoral authorities from other countries.
   b. International organizations.
   c. Continental or regional organizations.
   d. Political parties and organizations from other countries.
   e. Legislative bodies from other countries.
   f. Governments of other countries.
   g. Higher education, research and academic institutions from other countries.
   h. International organizations specialized in activities of electoral cooperation or assistance activities.
   i. Foreign private organizations or non-governmental organizations whose activities specialize or are related to political and electoral issues or to the defense and promotion of human rights.

2. Foreign visitors accredited for the 2020-2021 Mexican federal and concurrent local electoral processes, could attend the Public Consultation to be held on August 1st, 2021 without present a new application. On this regard, they have to notice the International Affairs Unit of INE their desire to attend the Public Consultation, sending an e-mail sent to visitantes.extranjeros@ine.mx, no later than Monday July 26, 2021.

3. Foreign visitors accredited for the Public Consultation to be held on August 1st, 2021, could witnessed it at any stage and at any place of Mexican territory.

4. Foreign citizens will have a period of time starting at the moment of the formal publication of this Notice, until Monday July 26, 2021 to send to the President Councilor of the General Council of the National Electoral Institute,

through the International Affairs Unit, their Accreditation Application Form, along with a copy of main pages of his/her passport, including the one that appears his/her signature, and a clear and recent photo.

5. Accreditation Application Form as Foreign visitor would be available at the International Affairs Unit office located in Calzada Acoxpa No. 436, 8th floor, Col. Ex Hacienda de Coapa, Alcaldía Tlalpan, C. P. 14300, Mexico City; at 32 Local Offices of the National Electoral Institute offices in each state, as well as Web page of the National Electoral Institute www.ine.mx.

   Additionally, the National Electoral Institute would request to Mexican Foreign Affairs Ministry proper support in order to Accreditation Application Form as Foreign visitor would be available at Mexican embassies and consulates in other countries.

6. The documentation referred to in Point 4 of this Base, must be sent to the electronic address visitantes.extranjeros@ine.mx , considering Accreditation Application Form must include the autograph signature of the interested person; or the advanced electronic signature, which must contain the name of the certification authority and the corresponding digital seal or certificate.

7. In order to be accredited by the National Electoral Institute, foreign applicants must meet the following requirements:
   a. To be considered a foreigner by the Political Constitution of the Mexican United States, as established on article 216 of the Elections Regulations of the National Electoral Institute.
   b. To fill in and submit an individual Accreditation Application Form to the President of the General Council, via the International Affairs Unit, making sure they fulfil all the requirements and enclosing the requested documentation, according to this Public Notice.
   c. To pursue non-lucrative purposes.

8. Within 3 working days after their submittal, the International Affairs Unit will ponder each and every application duly filled in and received in due course and time.

9. In the event that incomplete documentation is submitted, within 24 working hours of its receipt, the International Affairs Unit shall inform the interested person by electronic means so that, if desired, the omitted documentation may be forwarded within 24 hours of the issuance of such communication.

10. The deadline for submitting the documentation to be accredited or accredited as a foreign visitor to the National Electoral Institute, specifically to the International Affairs Unit, will be July 26, 2021. After that date, no documentation will be accepted, except from those interested who send complementary documentation, and based on the terms established in Point 9 of this Base.

11. Any application in which the applicant submits one of the following conditions shall be rejected:
    a. Be recognized as a Mexican citizen by the Constitution of this country;
    b. Signature at the Application Form would not be the same as the passport of the applicant person; or not include proper name of the certification authority and the corresponding digital seal or certificate; or
    c. Not having presented the complete documentation, within the terms established in Point 10 of this Base.

12. The interested persons will be notified in due time of the resolution issued to the accreditation request submitted, within 3 working days after the submission of their documentation, by means of a communication signed by the Head of the International Affairs Unit. Notifications of accreditation will be sent electronically to the e-mail address specified by each interested person in its Accreditation Application Form.

13. Once the person concerned is notified that his/her application for accreditation has been approved, and if necessary, she/he must carry out the required immigration formalities at the consular representation of Mexico closest to his place of residence or, if appropriate, at one of the offices of the National Institute of Migration within the national territory, in compliance with the provisions of the applicable immigration regulations.

14. Once the above procedures have been completed, no later than 6:00 p.m. (Central Mexican Time) on Saturday, June 31, 2021, accredited foreign visitors must obtain the official badge that identifies them as such and facilitates their activities, presenting a copy of their immigration form, if applicable, or the instrument that guarantees their legal presence in national territory. The possible delivery of the badge in any of the 32 seats of the local councils of the Institute will be subject to the notification of the interested party, send by e-mail no later than Friday 23 July 2021, as well as to the availability of the case.

15. The Presidency of the General Council of the Institute shall inform the federal electoral authorities, organized groups to support any option of this Public Consultation about characteristics of the accreditation badge for foreign visitors.

16. Political parties, political groups and organized groups to support any option of this Public Consultation, as well as observer organizations and all Mexican institutions and civil associations specializing or interested in the subject, may publicize this Public Notice and invite persons with a nationality other than Mexican, who meet the requirements set out in the bases and criteria approved by the General Council, to be accredited as foreign visitors.

17. Accredited foreign visitors will be responsible for their expenses regarding transportation, meals, lodging, and activities in Mexico.

II. ACTIVITIES ALLOWED FOR FOREIGN VISITORS

1. Foreign visitors will be able to know and get information about the Public Consultation to be held on August 1st, 2021, in any of their stages and in any area of the national territory.

2. For the purpose of obtaining guidance or additional information on federal electoral rules, institutions and procedures, accredited foreign visitors may request, through the Coordination of International Affairs, interviews or briefings with officials of the National Electoral Institute of central bodies.

   In the states, they shall do so through the local offices, and in the federal electoral districts through the district offices, through their respective executive officers, who within a period of no more than five working days shall inform the Presiding Councilor of the General Council, through the International Affairs Unit.

3. Organized groups to support any option of this Public Consultation may present their views to accredited foreign visitors and provide them with the documentation they consider relevant.

4. The International Affairs Unit shall provide, to the extent of its possibilities, the information support available to facilitate the proper conduct of the activities indicated in the preceding paragraphs by accredited foreign visitors, keeping the General Council informed.

III. OBLIGATIONS TO FOREIGN VISITORS

During their stay in the country and carrying out their activities, accredited foreign visitors must comply Mexican laws and other applicable legal provisions permanently. Additionally they must refrain from:

1. Substitute or obstruct the electoral authorities in the exercise of their functions, or interfere in any way in their development, including the cast of the opinion by the citizenry.

2. Carry out any kind of proselytism.

3. Take a position for, or against, any possible answers to the Popular Consultation or any other form of citizen participation.

4. To carry out any activity that affects fairness of the contest.

5. State any offence, slander or false accusation against the institutions, electoral authorities, or groups to support any option of this Public Consultation.

6. Declare any triumph by any political party or candidate, or, should it be the case, of the results of the popular consultation or any other form of citizen participation subject to be voted.

7. Declare any trends on the voting, either before or after Public Consultation Day.

8. Wear or use any emblems, badges, or any other image related to political parties, candidates, political or ideological stance related to any of possible options related with the Public Consultation, or of any other issue subject to be voted.

IV. CRITERIA

1. Any matter not considered in this Public Notice will be resolved in sole and final instance by the International Affairs Unit, after consultation with the Presidency of the General Council.

Mexico City, July 15, 2021

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