



The Information Centre of the UDF proposes for discussion draft regulations for electing a single candidate. The draft has been proposed by the vice-chairman of the BPF Party Viktor Ivaškievič and seconded by the Planning and Analysis Group of the UDF

Regulations for Electing a Single Candidate of the UDF for the Presidential Election

I. The Central Election Commission (CEC) shall be formed by the UDF Presidium and include representatives of all the UDF entities (by 30 August, 2009) and representatives of registered aspirants to the position of the single candidate of the UDF (as enrolment of aspirants takes place).

The UDF CEC shall run the campaign to select a single candidate of the UDF and shall settle controversial points that arise during the campaign.

II. 1) Registration of aspirants to the position of the single candidate of the UDF shall be held by the UDF CEC.

2) Any citizen of the Republic of Belarus shall have the right to be registered as an aspirant to the position of the single candidate of the UDF, provided they:

a) meet the requirements of the current legislation to a presidential candidate.

б) can speak Belarusian.

в) before registering at the UDF CEC have published an article on the subject: “Why doesn’t A. Lukashenka have the moral right to be the President of Belarus?”

г) will apply to the CEC of the UDF for the position of the single candidate of the UDF.

д) will assume the obligation to recognise any result of the campaign for the election of a single candidate of the UDF and to provide full support to the single candidate.

ж) will contribute BYR 20,000,000 to the fund of the UDF CEC.

3) Registration of aspirants for the position of the single candidate of the UDF shall be held from 1 September, 2009 to 1 March, 2010.

III. 1) Campaigning for aspirants shall start from registration of aspirants at the UDF CEC and last until 15 March, 2010.

2) Campaigning can be held in any format – TV and radio addresses, newspaper articles, meetings, rallies, pickets, leaflets, etc.

- 3) The UDF CEC shall issue special bulletins containing information about registered aspirants, on the money contributed by aspirants to the fund of the UDF CEC. (The issuance of the bulletins shall take place in December, 2009)
- 4) Public criticism of registered aspirants against each other shall be prohibited.

IV 1) The first voting for aspirants shall be held from 15 January to 15 March, 2010.

2) The vote shall take place in the offices of the UDF entities in those cities where full-fledged regional electoral commissions of the UDF (the UDF RECs) can be formed from representatives of most of the UDF entities and all the aspirants, and free access of citizens to the voting is provided.

3) The addresses and working hours of the UDF RECs shall be announced in the mass-media 15 November, 2010 at the latest.

4) Any citizen of the Republic of Belarus shall have the right to take part in the voting, provided they are of full age and show their passport of Belarus' citizen to the UDF REC.

5) A voter shall have the right to vote only once. A voter shall have the right to vote only in the UDF REC that is closer to their official place of residence.

6) The UDF RECs shall register all voters in the list of voters which contain all the data necessary for the subscription lists for nomination of presidential candidates.

7) The UDF RECs shall issue to a voter a ballot paper (approved by the UDF CEC 5 March, 2010 at the latest) that contains the names of the aspirants on one side and the signatures of all the members of the UDF REC on the other side.

8) A voter shall cross out the names of all the candidates except of the one he votes for.

9) All ballot papers shall be kept in the UDF RECs until the end of the voting, whereupon they shall be forwarded to the UDF CEC (20 March, 2010 at the latest).

V 1) Counting of the votes of the first voting shall be held by the UDF RECs from 15 to 20 March, 2010; the ballot papers and final protocols shall be forwarded by the UDF RECs to the UDF CEC 20 March, 2010 at the latest.

2) The UDF CEC shall count votes on the basis of the protocols of the UDF RECs from 20 to 25 March, 2010.

VI 1) The UDF CEC shall announce the first voting results in the mass-media 26 March, 2010.

VII 1) A single candidate of the UDF shall be selected by the participants of the UDF Congress from the two candidates who head the first voting (April 2010).

2) Citizens of the Republic of Belarus can become delegates to the UDF Congress, provided they:

- a) produce at the registration their passport of Belarus' citizen and a certificate of their membership in a UDF entity or a certificate of a member of the advance group of any aspirant who has run in the first voting.
- б) pay BYR 200,000 to the fund of the UDF (the money is to be used for renting room for the Congress, accommodation of the delegates, meals during the Congress, and the start of the single candidate's campaign).
- 3) Members of the UDF entities and the advance groups of aspirants can collect the necessary sum in groups and delegate one person from a group to the Congress.
- 4) Delegates of the Congress shall elect the single candidate of the UDF by secret voting.
- 5) The UDF CEC shall announce the results of the secret voting at the UDF Congress.
- 6) All aspirants and heads of the UDF entities shall support the single candidate.
- 7) The single candidate shall call upon all the supporters of independence and democracy to join in the common campaign. This call shall start the presidential campaign of the single candidate of the UDF.