**“ENEMO is monitoring the 5 November 2023 Local Elections in Moldova”**

Chisinau, 10 October 2023 - *“Following an official invitation from the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova to observe the Local Elections of November 5, the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) has accredited 4 Core Team members and 4 Long Term Observers, as part of its International Election Observation Mission (IEOM).”* - this was stated at a press conference held at IPN.

Through monitoring and reporting on crucial aspects of the elections, the Mission of ENEMO aims to improve the transparency of the election process and assess its integrity and compatibility with international obligations of Moldova and standards for democratic elections, as well as the domestic legislative framework.

*“The IEOM will also pay attention to the fulfillment of previous recommendations of ENEMO and other international and domestic stakeholders. The key aspects that ENEMO will monitor, assess and report on, are the overall political and electoral environment, respect for the rights to elect and stand for election, conduct of election management bodies, freedom to campaign, gender equity, voting and counting processes, in a limited number of polling stations, electoral dispute resolution, etc.”* - continued Taulla.

ENEMO is open to cooperation with all domestic and international stakeholders whose core values match those of the network, respect for human rights and strengthening democratic processes and the rule of law. Besides direct observation, the mission members will be meeting with election management bodies, representatives of state authorities, political parties and candidates, civil society, media representatives, as well as with the international community, in order to receive a more comprehensive picture about the electoral process.

*“The Mission’s findings will be made available to the public through one interim report, to be issued one week before Election Day; two statements of preliminary findings and conclusions, to be issued immediately after Election Day and run-off Election Day, and a final report, complete with recommendations for eventual improvements in the area of elections and related policies, which will be issued and presented approximately two months after the elections.”* - concluded the Head of the Mission of ENEMO.

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