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**The second round of the presidential elections in Ukraine**

In January 2019, the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) deployed an International Election Observation Mission to Ukraine to observe the March 31st upcoming Presidential election. In addition to the ten Core Team members based in Kyiv, ENEMO has accredited and deployed 48 Long term observers (LTOs) and deployed 158 Short term observers (STOs) for the first round of the election, in teams of two to all regions (oblasts) of Ukraine. The Mission is headed by Zlatko Vujovic, the Secretary-General of ENEMO.

For the second round of the elections on 21 April, ENEMO deployed 100 teams, including 48 long-term and 150 short-term observers, to follow the opening procedures at 99 polling stations, voting at 1,287 polling stations, closing, counting and results announcement at 100 polling stations, as well as the transfer and intake of election materials at 91 polling stations and overall performance at 100 DEC's.

The second round of the presidential elections was held on April 21st, with Volodymyr Zelenskiy and Petro Poroshenko competing for the majority of votes cast.

Most election stakeholders and ENEMO interlocutors positively assessed the conduct of the first round, despite minor violations on Election Day, controversial campaigns and shortcomings in the electoral legislation. Candidates did not contest the official results.

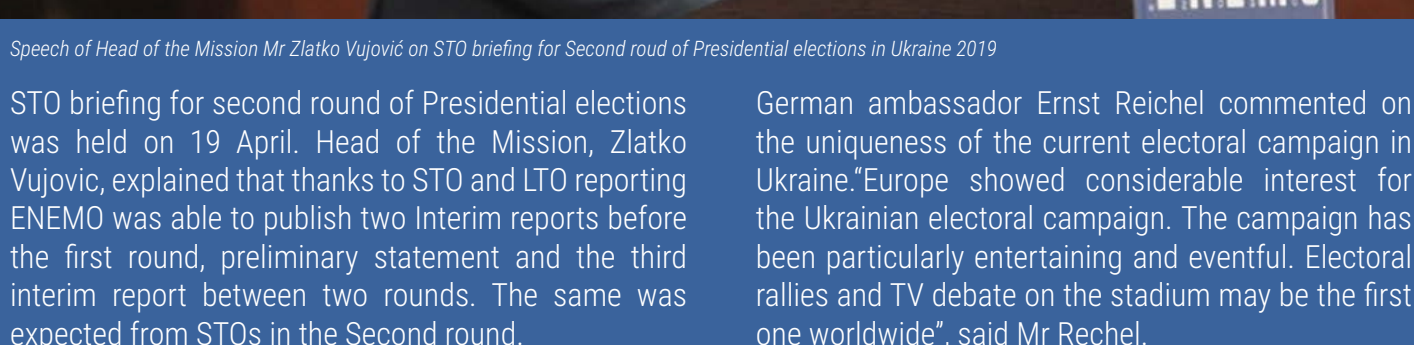
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**Kyiv, April 15, 2019- ENEMO IEOM to Ukraine 2019 published the Third Interim Report**

In 15th of April ENEMO published the Third Interim Report and notes that all candidates and stakeholders accepted the official CEO results. Delays in the counting process at the DEC level did not appear to have affected the legitimacy of the first-round results, though shortcomings in the voter list caused by technical issues at the State Voter Registry are a reason for concern. The intensification of candidates' campaigns focusing on "black PR", smearing techniques on social networks, and reports of illegal means of campaigning limit the possibility for voters to make an informed choice, and negatively affect perceptions of the electoral process. This was concluded in the Third Interim report for the period April 1st - April 12th 2019.

You can read the full Third Interim Report on ENEMO's website.

**Kyiv, April 19, 2019 - STO briefing**



Speech of Head of the Mission Mr Zlatko Vujovic on STO briefing for Second round of Presidential elections in Ukraine 2019

STO briefing for second round of Presidential elections was held on 19 April. Head of the Mission, Zlatko Vujovic, explained that thanks to STO and LTO reporting ENEMO was able to publish two Interim reports before the first round, preliminary statement and the third interim report between two rounds. The same was expected from STOs in the Second round.

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Ms Marie Yovanovitch reminded that the first round of elections had been held on a competitive basis, free from cruelty and illegitimate processes. She explained that according to the polls, there has been an increased trust in electoral process and that the same trend line is increasing for trust in the Central Election Commission.

Beside Mr Vujovic and Ms Yovanovitch, German ambassador Ernst Reichel and EU ambassador Hugues Mingarelli also addressed to the STOs.

German ambassador Ernst Reichel commented on the uniqueness of the current electoral campaign in Ukraine: "Europe showed considerable interest for the Ukrainian electoral campaign. The campaign has been particularly entertaining and eventful. Electoral rallies and TV debate on the stadium may be the first one worldwide", said Mr Rechel.

Hugues Mingarelli, the EU Ambassador to Ukraine complimented ENEMO while saying that "the role of observers deployed by ENEMO is crucial. We count on ENEMO to identify the challenges which we will face during the Election Day.

He added: "I would like to underline the importance of impartial and nonpartisan observation. The overall goal of the observation mission of ENEMO is to monitor and assess Ukrainian compliance with international commitments. ENEMO is reliable network with a lot of experience and works in a serious way and for us present the guarantee that the election will be monitored in the right way".



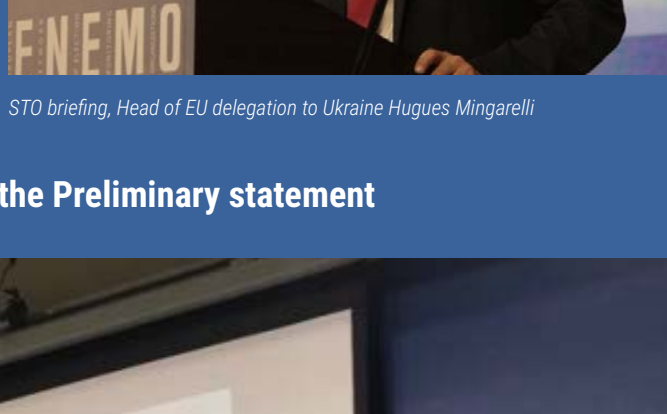
U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Ms Marie Yovanovitch, German ambassador to Ukraine Ernst Reichel and Head of EU delegation to Ukraine Hugues Mingarelli on STO briefing



STO briefing, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Ms Marie Yovanovitch



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STO briefing, Head of EU delegation to Ukraine Hugues Mingarelli

**Kyiv, April 23, 2019 – Press conference to present the Preliminary statement**



Ms. Ana Nenezic, Media Expert, Ms. Teodora Pop Trajkov, Deputy Head of the Mission, Mr. Zlatko Vujovic, Head of the Mission, Mr. Pierre Peytier, Election Expert, Ms. Maja Milkic, Press Officer, Ms. Nino Rizhamadze, Legal Expert on press conference for presenting Preliminary statement

At this press conference, ENEMO assessed that the Second round of elections was mostly conducted in line with international election standards, despite shortcomings in the legislation misused by candidates to campaign through questionable means and smear campaigns.

Mr Zlatko Vujovic, Head of the Mission, said that "ENEMO praises the conduct of the vote which was generally well organized, with minor violations not affecting the outcome of the election results. Previous concerns regarding challenges in nominations of election commission members for the second round were mitigated through the commendable efforts of the election administration".

"ENEMO observers monitored the process of voting and environment around polling stations in 1,287 polling stations throughout the country and the overall assessment of the voting was positive (very good or good) in almost all polling stations observed", stated

Deputy Head of Mission, Ms Teodora Pop Trajkov explained that despite previously raised concerns on professionalism and experience of PEC members, 96.8% of observed polling stations were functioning and managed properly by PEC members. In almost all observed polling stations, observers indicated that no formal complaints had been filed.

Election Expert Mr Pierre Peytier said that ENEMO notes that the presidential race in the second round did not focus on candidates' campaign platforms but rather on discussions around participation in the debates, the opponent's character and smear campaigns.

Ms Maja Milkic, Press and Logistics Officer stated that ENEMO will continue to follow the election process and will issue a final report two months following the conduct of the second round.

**EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS UKRAINE**

After the first press conference for Parliamentary Elections held on July 21st, ENEMO IEOM has accredited 40 LTOs and 76 STOs for Early Parliamentary elections. The mission consisted of twelve CORE Team members and twenty teams composed of two long-term observers, which were deployed in various "oblasts" (regions) in Ukraine starting from June 24.

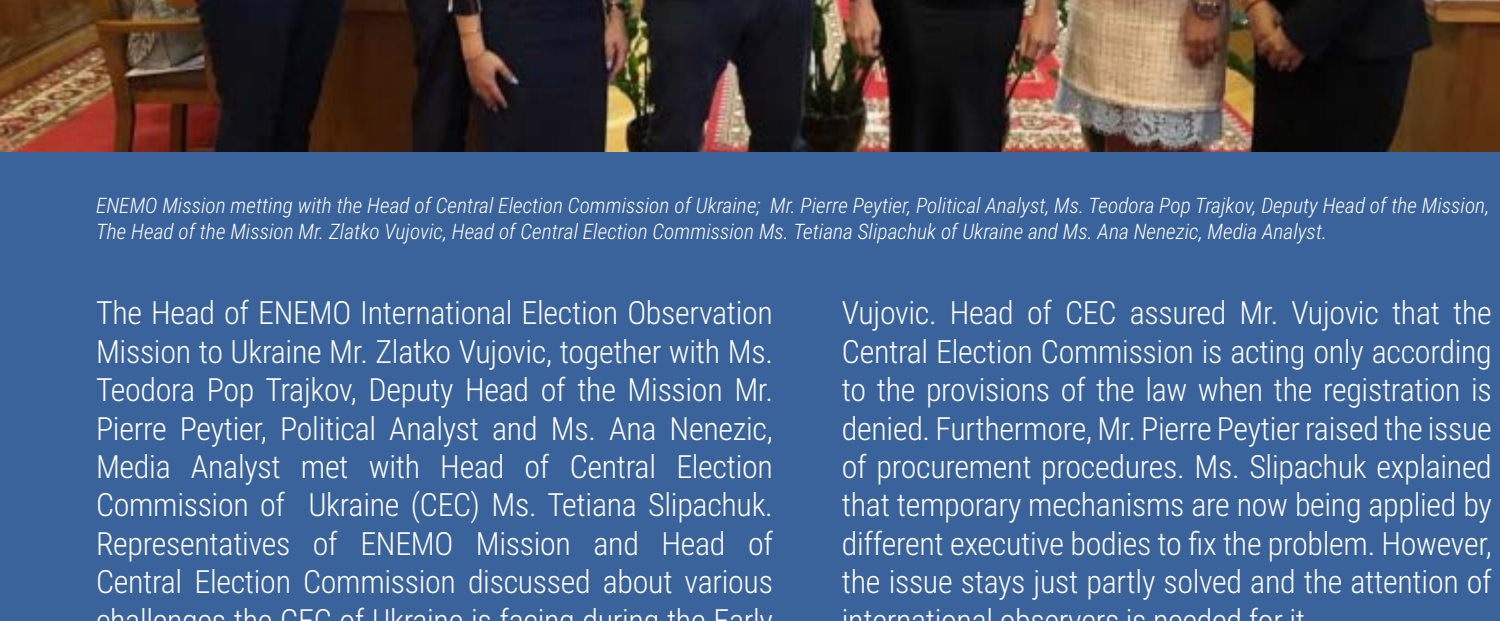
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**Kyiv, June 25, 2019 – ENEMO accredited STOs and LTOs for Parliamentary Elections**

The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) has accredited 40 Long Term Observers (LTOs) and plans to deploy 76 Short Term Observers for the upcoming early parliamentary elections, which will be held on July 21st, 2019 in Ukraine. This was stated during the press conference held at News Agency UNIAN.



**Kyiv, June 25, 2019 – Head of ENEMO Mission met with the Head of Central Election Commission of Ukraine**



ENEMO Mission meeting with the Head of Central Election Commission of Ukraine; Mr. Pierre Peytier, Political Analyst; Ms. Teodora Pop Trajkov, Deputy Head of the Mission, The Head of the Mission Mr. Zlatko Vujovic, Head of Central Election Commission Ms. Tetiana Slipachuk of Ukraine and Ms. Ana Nenezic, Media Analyst.

The Head of ENEMO International Election Observation Mission to Ukraine Mr. Zlatko Vujovic, together with Ms. Teodora Pop Trajkov, Deputy Head of the Mission Mr. Pierre Peytier, Political Analyst and Ms. Ana Nenezic, Media Analyst met with Head of Central Election Commission of Ukraine (CEC) Ms. Tetiana Slipachuk. Representatives of ENEMO Mission and Head of Central Election Commission discussed about various challenges the CEC of Ukraine is facing during the Early Parliamentary Elections.

During the meeting, the issue of denial of registration of some candidates from single-mandate constituencies, as well as lists of political parties, was raised by Mr. Zlatko

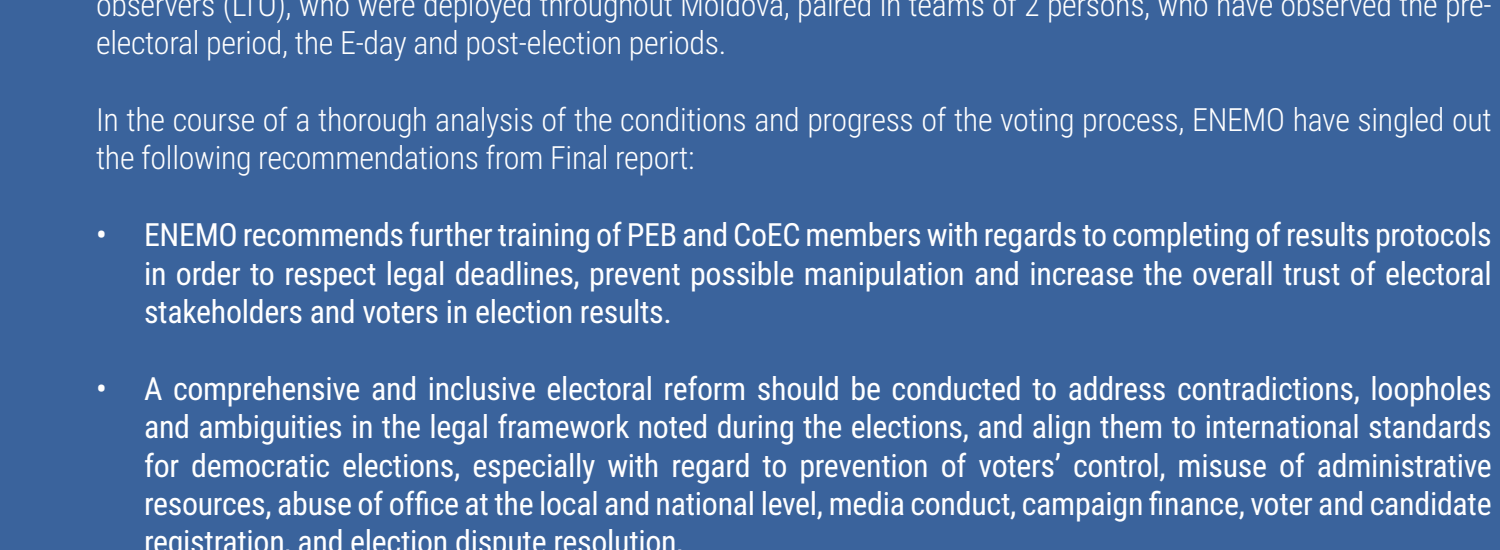
Vujovic. Head of CEC assured Mr. Vujovic that the Central Election Commission is acting only according to the provisions of the law when the registration is denied. Furthermore, Mr. Pierre Peytier raised the issue of procurement procedures. Ms. Slipachuk explained that temporary mechanisms are now being applied by different executive bodies to fix the problem. However, the issue stays just partly solved and the attention of international observers is needed for it.

Ms. Slipachuk and Mr. Vujovic decided to meet once more before the election day to discuss all problematic issues in detail. Parties agreed to cooperate extensively during the period of deployment of ENEMO Mission.

**Kyiv, June 26, 2019 – ENEMO IEOM to Ukraine visited RAZUMKOV Centre in Kyiv**

ENEMO met with the representatives of one of the leading think tanks of Ukraine and Eastern Europe – Razumkov Centre. Yuriy Yakymenko, Deputy Director General and Viktor Zamyatin, Leading Expert of Political and Legal Programmes welcomed ENEMO delegation at the Razumkov Centre office. Mr Vujovic presented the Mission and the methodology of election observation. Representatives of ENEMO discussed with experts of Razumkov Centre different issues related to ratings of political parties and the constitutionality of the Ukrainian early parliamentary elections.

During the meeting, Mr. Yakymenko presented the latest ratings of political parties. Furthermore, participants discussed about Ukrainian party system, as well as the outcome of the presidential election.



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**Chisinau, June 27, 2019- ENEMO IEOM to Moldova releases final report**

ENEMO (the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations) International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) has published a final report on the observation of Parliamentary elections of the Republic of Moldova held on 24 February 2019.

ENEMO IEOM to Moldova was composed of 8 Core Team members based in Chisinau, as well as 10 long-term observers (LTO), who were deployed throughout Moldova, paired in teams of 2 persons, who have observed the pre-electoral period, the E-day and post-election periods.

In the course of a thorough analysis of the conditions and progress of the voting process, ENEMO have singled out the following recommendations from Final report:

- ENEMO recommends further training of PEB and CoEC members with regards to completing of results protocols in order to respect legal deadlines, prevent possible manipulation and increase the overall trust of electoral stakeholders and voters in election results.
- A comprehensive and inclusive electoral reform should be conducted to address contradictions, loopholes and ambiguities in the legal framework noted during the elections, and align them to international standards for democratic elections, especially with regard to prevention of voters' control, misuse of administrative resources, abuse of office at the local and national level, media conduct, campaign finance, voter and candidate registration, and election dispute resolution,
- The legal framework should be amended to clearly define campaigning activities, so that early campaigning can be identified and properly prevented, thus ensuring equality of conditions for all contestants.
- ENEMO recommends the introduction of a more functional mechanism for supervising coverage of the election campaign by media, which should focus on ensuring that the voters are provided with balanced and impartial information during the campaign. The mechanism should ensure a more frequent examination of the media coverage of the campaign as well as broader monitoring (more media and more airtime should be monitored). An ad hoc body, composed of representatives from different stakeholders could be established during election periods and tasked to monitor media conduct and propose, or apply sanctions.
- Many aspects of organization of polling stations and voting procedures should be defined in detail in the Election Code, and not through CEC regulations, as the lack of clarity has led to confusion during Election Day.
- State institutions should present their election related decisions at open sessions of the CEC in order to be able to explain the reasoning behind their decisions to the CEC members and the public. During electoral periods, the CEC should be provided with adequate mechanisms to ensure full and timely compliance and cooperation from all relevant institutions.
- The Government should develop and implement relevant public policies to enhance political participation of women, youth minorities, persons with disabilities and other under-represented groups of the society.

Rest of recommendations and complete Final report of Parliamentary elections of the Republic of Moldova you can find on ENEMO's website.

