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Deputy Head of ENEMO International Election Observation Mission to Ukraine Ms. Teodora Pop Trajkov, together with Ms. Ana Nenezic, Media Analyst met with Deputy chief judge, judge speaker of the Sixth Appeal Administrative Court Mr. Yevhen Mieziatsev.

Representatives of ENEMO Mission discussed with Deputy chief judge the workload of the court, what the main lawsuits are about, as well as the main obstacles for the court. Mr. Mieziatsev provided ENEMO with statistics about election-related cases and told about training that judges underwent in electoral matters. Furthermore, Mr. Mieziatsev explained how the electoral disputes are held within the electoral process of early parliamentary elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on July 21, 2019.

Kyiv, July 05, 2019 – Representatives of ENEMO IEOM to Ukraine met with representatives of European Solidarity party



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At the meeting, participants have discussed about registration of candidates by CEC of Ukraine, as well as widespread problem of so-called "clone" candidates at Ukraine's snap parliamentary elections. Mr. Berezenko shared with ENEMO representatives an anxiety about possible tensions, manipulations and falsifications at some polling stations where the voter density is low. Furthermore, Mr. Pavlenko explained on what main pillars the election campaign of the European Solidarity party is built for the snap parliamentary elections.

Kyiv, July 14, 2019 - ENEMO IEOM to Ukraine publishes the first interim report for observation of Early Parliamentary Election

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This was concluded in the First Interim report for the period June 7th – July 8th 2019, published by ENEMO International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) to Ukraine.

The full report can find on ENEMO's website.

ENEMO International Election Observation Mission
Early Parliamentary Elections, July 21st - Ukraine 2019

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On June 7th the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) deployed an International Election Observation Mission to Ukraine to observe the upcoming early parliamentary elections 2019.

In addition to the eleven Core Team members based in Kyiv, ENEMO has accredited 40 Long term observers (LTOs) and deployed them, in teams of two to all regions (oblasts) of Ukraine, on June 24th. The Mission is headed by Dr. Zlatko Vujovic.

ENEMO is a network of 21 leading election monitoring organizations from 18 countries of Europe and Central Asia, including 2 European Union countries. More info on ENEMO's web page: www.enemo.eu

This interim report is based on ENEMO observers' findings in Kyiv and all regions of Ukraine between the official launch of the mission on June 7th and July 8th, where they focused on the work of election administration bodies, registered political parties and candidates, conduct of the election campaign, election-related complaints and appeals and other election related activities. The mission will issue its preliminary statement of findings and conclusions immediately after the election day and a final report after the final results are certified.

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Kyiv, July 19, 2019 – Briefing of Short Term Observers



STO briefing, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Mr. William B. Taylor



STO briefing, Head of EU delegation to Ukraine Hugues Mingarelli

ENEMO Core Team and LTOs have done huge number of very complex activities in observing electoral process from the announcing the mission. Only in first three weeks, 12 Core Team members and 40 Long Term Observers have conducted more than 800 meetings with different election stakeholders and interlocutors. Also, ENEMO LTOs have visited 200 District election commissions. The **Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine, Mr Zlatko Vujovic** said that it was the twelfth time that ENEMO observes elections in Ukraine since 2004. July 19 was moment for STOs to join in this process, and ENEMO deploys 76 STOs.

Subjects of the Briefing were political background, campaign and candidates, legal framework, election administration and E-Day procedures, code of conduct and reporting system, security, finance and logistic.

Kyiv, July 23, 2019 – The preliminary statement

The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) preliminary assesses that elections were held in a competitive and generally peaceful environment, despite tight deadlines and ongoing shortcomings in the legislation. This was stated at the press conference held at the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine where ENEMO presented its preliminary statement.

Some of the estimates from preliminary statement were that the lack of effective and dissuasive sanctions to candidates and parties for campaign financing violations; and the discrepancies between reported funds and levels of campaign activity, in particular digital campaigning; also, that media played a key role during these elections.

Kyiv, September 05, 2019- ENEMO IEOM to Ukraine 2019 published the Final Report

In the report, ENEMO assessed that Election Day was, overall, calm and peaceful. The management of the polling and conduct of Precinct Election Commissions (PECs) and DEC's were assessed positively in the majority of cases, with slight procedural violations in some polling stations, which were assessed as not having negatively affected the legitimacy of the results. The voter turnout, as announced officially by the Central Election Commission (CEC), was 49.84%, and the results of the election showed considerable support for the "Servant of the People" presidential party which obtained an absolute majority of 254 seats (124 through the party list, 130 through single-mandate constituencies).

The expectations of Ukrainian citizens were high in this election regarding the new composition of parliament, in continuation of the trends observed during the presidential elections held earlier this year. The presidential elections 2019 showed that many citizens hoped for advances in the reform agenda, the fight against corruption, and a renewal of the political elite.

The elections were overall competitive, and candidates were generally free to campaign without major obstacles. ENEMO observed a higher level of active campaigning by majoritarian single-mandate district candidates, with the visibility of campaigning at the local level surpassing campaigning on the national scale. Some of the recommendations by ENEMO are:

- The law on parliamentary elections needs comprehensive review in order to eliminate existing inconsistencies and uncertainties related to election campaign rules, media regulations, composition of election administration, complaints and appeals process, campaign financial activities, etc.
- Sanctions should be contained within the law towards political parties that nominate commission members without their knowledge or consent, as this creates a risk to the composition of electoral commissions and to the electoral process in general.
- Additional steps should be taken to provide access to PWDs at voter registration offices, as well as to polling stations.
- The CEC should ensure a publicly available registry of complaints at all levels of commissions and publish all decisions including the legal basis of the rejection of complaints.
- Current legislation should be improved, with the aim of clearly differentiating election campaigning from the voters' informing, and clearly define and introduce effective mechanisms for sanctioning cases of hidden advertising and paid materials ("jeansa").
- Strengthen self-regulatory mechanisms in the media sphere in order to counter pressure from media owners on editorial policy.

The full reports in English and Ukrainian you can find on ENEMO's website.



Round Table "Findings and recommendations from the 2019 Presidential and Early Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine", Head of the Mission Mr Zlatko Vujovic, Ms. Tetyana Volodymyrivna Slipachuk, Chairman, Mr. Pierre Peytier, Political Analyst



Chisinau, September 16, 2019 – ENEMO has deployed an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) in Moldova for the Local Election 2019

After receiving an invitation from the Central Election Commission to observe the Local Election on 20 October, 2019 ENEMO (the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations) has deployed an International Election Observations Mission (IEOM) to Moldova.

ENEMO IEOM to Moldova is composed of 5 Core Team members based in Chisinau, as well as 8 long-term observers (LTO), who will be briefed and trained and deployed throughout Moldova, paired in teams of 2 persons. LTOs will observe the pre-electoral period as well as the E-day and post-election period. This was the third ENEMO mission to Moldova.

Also, at the same day ENEMO IEOM to Moldova representatives, Mr. Dritan Taulla, Head of the Mission and Mr. Oleg Reut, Election Expert/CEC Observer met with Mr. Vladimir Sarban, Deputy Head at the Central Election Commission and Mr. Maxim Lebedinshi, CEC Secretary.

Mr. Dritan Taulla, Head of ENEMO Mission has presented the mission and it plans for the observation of upcoming Local Election on 20 October, 2019. Deputy Head of CEC has affirmed their openness for collaboration with ENEMO team. The CEC had officially invited ENEMO to observe the monitor Local Elections in Moldova on October 20, 2019.

Chisinau, September 25, 2019 -Head of the ENEMO IEOM to Moldova met with the Deputy Head of Central Election Commission



Meeting with the Deputy Head of Central Election Commission Mr. Dritan Taulla, Head of the Mission

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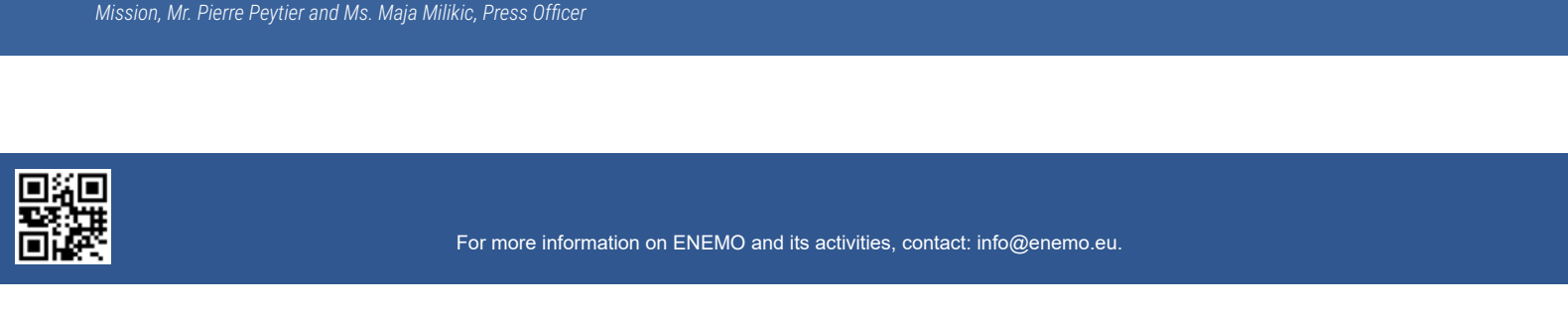
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Chisinau, September 30, 2019 – ENEMO is deploying 8 Long-Term Observers to observe the 20 October Local Elections in Moldova

During the press conference held at the premises of the News Agency "IPN", the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) presented its plans for the observation of the upcoming Local Elections in Moldova.

Following an official invitation from the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova to observe the General Local Elections of 20 October 2019, ENEMO has submitted a request for the accreditation of 8 Long term observers (LTOs) and 5 Core Team members. Plan for core team is to be based in Chisinau, while long term observers is to be deployed and observe the election process throughout the country in four teams of two, based in Chisinau, Balti, Orhei, and Comrat.

ENEMO's international observation mission for Moldovan Local Election 2019 is financially supported by the European Union and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.



Press conference about plans for the observation of the upcoming Local Elections in Moldova; Head of the ENEMO Mission to Moldova, Mr. Dritan Taulla, Deputy Head of the Mission, Mr. Pierre Peytier and Ms. Maja Milicik, Press Officer

