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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **„Results of the Bashkan elections in ATU „Gagauz Yeri”: Surprises”**

The League for Defense of Human Rights of Moldova (LADOM) has delegated 140 independent national observers to the Bashkan Elections in ATU „Gagauz Yeri” on 03 December, 2006, all of them being accredited by the Central Electoral Commission of the ATU „Gagauz Yeri”. The LADOM volunteers have observed the whole process of voting and have informed the Central Office of LADOM on the way the elections were held. According to art. 63 of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Moldova and art. 76 on the Bashkan Elections in ATU „Gagauz Yeri”, the observers received a copy of the Protocols. On the basis of the final results at the voting sections LADOM parallelly counted the votes.

The electoral process has been organized mainly according to the principles of free and correct elections. At the voting sections in ATU „Gagauz Yeri” there was generally an apparent calm atmosphere. The voters have not been impeded to exercise their right to the universal vote, equal, direct, secret and freely expressed. At the same time, the observers have registered a few infringements, which have not influenced the final result of the elections (the first tour of elections).

An important issue is the imperfection of electoral lists, which can be seen in the long additional lists (about 8.4%). For example at the voting sections 55 and 56 from Dezghingea village the same voters were registered on the main electoral lists of both sections. Problems of inadequate update of electoral lists have been encountered in most voting sections.

Despite the needed accreditation of LADOM observers with the CEC, the electoral employees, and especially CEC have demonstrated a reserved attitude towards the observers. On the elections day, without proofs and controlled indices, on the basis of some unjustified rumors, CEC announced that LADOM observers act as political partisans, declarations that they consequently disclaimed on the basis of legal proves, submitted immediately. These rush actions could have led to the weakening of the monitoring process and cancelling of observation on inexistent problems, i.e. sections 29 from Baurci, 63 and 64 from Tomai village. In some voting sections (for example sections 56 from Dezghingea village and no. 50 from Kotovskoe village) the members of the Board have had a hostile behavior towards LADOM observers.

The amendments of the electoral legislation regarding the voting procedure have been done in a rush and without adequate informational support. As a proof serves the fact that the voters do not know the voting procedures and the the electoral boards issued voting certificates without documents attesting the home address (for example at section no. 16 from Ceadîr-Lunga).

At these elections the actions of insistent bringing of the voters with buses to the voting sections (for example at the voting sections no. 55 and 56 from Dezghingea) and electoral propaganda on the elections day were registered (voting sections no. 12 from Ceadîr-Lunga, no. 50 from Kotovskoe, no. 59 from Ferapontievca). There was not an exception and already traditional infringements in Moldova were registered: presence of policemen inside the voting sections, unjustified entering of 2 people in voting boxes, etc.

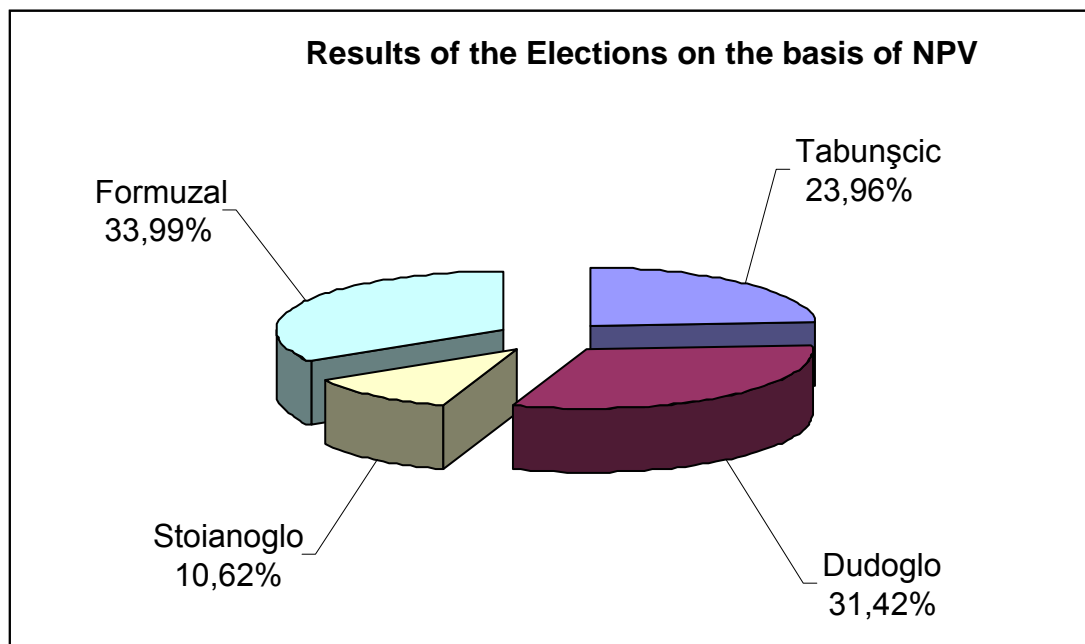
Remark:

- *During the electoral campaign the monitoring group LADOM has made insistent recommendations to local electoral authorities to ensure the integrity of the electoral democratic process, recommendations that were considered needed in the competence of the corresponding authority.*
- *LADOM recommends to the electoral authorities, responsible for the organization of the voting process, to eliminate the encountered lacks and infringements, to bring the actions of the electoral officers according to the international principles and the provisions of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Moldova on the organization of free and correct elections.*

RESULTS OF THE PARRALEL COUNTING OF VOTES ON THE BASIS OF RESULTS RECEIVED FROM 63 VOTING SECTIONS (98,44%)

NPV Methodology

- 140 accredited observers
- 64 voting sections or 100% covered voting sections
- 4 long-term observers and a regional coordinator
- On the 04 December, 2006, at 01:30 p.m. 63 protocols were processed, which represent 98.4% from voting sections from UTA "Gagauz Yeri"



Participating in voting – 61,5%

On additional lists – 8,4%