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„The elections were generally calm at the polling-stations in the ATU Gagauzia. Imperfect election lists and lack of transparency of financial sources of the candidates are some of the main shortcomings”

The League for Defense of Human Rights of Moldova (LADOM) delegated 140 independent national observers to the elections in the People's Assembly of the ATU Gagauzia on 16 March, 2008, correspondingly accredited by the Central Election Commission of the ATU Gagauz Yeri. LADOM volunteers observed integrally the voting process and informed the central bureau of LADOM on the way voting was conducted. The observers received a copy of the Minutes. On the basis of the final results at the polling stations LADOM performed a quick counting of the votes.

Generally the voting process on the elections day was conducted in line with legal procedures of the Law on elections in the People's Assembly of Gagauzia and with the principles of free and fair elections. There was an open atmosphere at the polling sections of the ATU Gagauz Yeri. The voters were not impeded to exercise their universal, equal, direct, secret and freely expressed right

At the same time, LADOM observers reported a few shortcomings. As in previous elections during the elections day the shortcomings that became traditional happened: unreasoned entering into the voting booths of 2 people, transportation of voters to the polling stations by the candidates or their fiducial people, election lists, containing errors repeatedly. The updating of election lists, as well as the transparency of the financing sources of the electoral campaign of the candidates are still a problem for having a transparent and equitable electoral process.

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