



PRESS RELEASE

On the results of the Third Monitoring report of the electoral campaign 2007

The League for Defense of Human Rights of Moldova–LADOM, announces the launch within the Civic Coalition for free and fair elections: „Coalition 2007” the results of the Third Monitoring Report of the electoral campaign regarding the electoral process for the general local elections on 3 June, 2007 (in the period 10-30 May, 2007).

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

This report comprises some findings about the organizing of the electoral process in the monitored period.

The electoral campaign was characterized by a series of major resonance actions carried out in four directions: 1. **The Central Electoral Commission and the Electoral District Councils** have concentrated their activity on organizing the elections and establishing the electoral procedures, training the electoral employess, supervising the implementation of the legal provisions in order to ensure the electoral rights; 2. **Electoral competitors** have organized their electoral campaigns in order to increase their final results; 3. **Coalition 2007 and NGO representatives** have launched civic education and electoral campaigns, continued to monitor the electoral process, recruited and trained over 2000 independent observers at elections. 4. **International elections monitoring missions** invited by the Chisinau authorities continued the monitoring of the electoral campaign on the entire territory of the Republic of Moldova.

LADOM registered a series of positive tendencies in the activity of the Central Electoral Commission (CEC), in particular by taking legal attitudes and positions in relation to the electoral candidates and submitted suggestions, training the electoral employees and involving in this process some qualified non-governmental organizations from Moldova. Also the programs of public debates at local and national media institutions turned out to be efficient. Despite the fact that PCRM has publicly announced the refusal to participate in such programs, the public debates contribute most directly to information from the first source of the electorate regarding the electoral programs proposed by the electoral competitors.

In particular, LADOM expresses its concern about the following negative aspects of the electoral process:

The use at a high extent of administrative resources and tools by some electoral candidates in the virtue of their function or position; Intimidation of the electoral competitors from opposition, favoring one electoral candidate by the central public administration, lack of equal conditions for all electoral competitors; Lack of transparency and accountability in the financing of the candidates, as well as in relation to the expenses operated by them for electoral advertising; Direct void or hidden electoral advertising in public mass-media, placement of electoral posters in unauthorized places, not indicating the number of copies, the printing house, etc.; The Competence conflict between the Central Electoral Commission and the District Electoral Councils on one hand and the judicial instances on the other hand, lead to delaying the requests and contestations examination on the decisions and actions of the district electoral councils, as well as on the actions of the electoral competitors.

The negative aspects outlined in this report can significantly influence the integrity of the electoral process unless properly removed.

The results of the monitoring will be made public through reports prepared every 10 days in the first month of monitoring, through press releases on the election day, then, as soon as the results of the parallel counting of the votes will be known. Also the reports will be placed on the internet on the site of the general local election www.alegeri.md/2007/, implemented within Coalition 2007 by ADEPT.

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