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# Election day observation results, as for 9:00

By 9 a.m. polling process was taking place in a calm environment. The majority of election precincts observed by GYLA monitors were fully equipped with necessary voting equipment and ready for opening procedures. At several polling stations, mostly special precincts, GYLA monitors had problems with admission. Problems also occurred during casting of lots and control sheet filling out process.

GYLA has detected following procedural violations:

#### Problems regarding admission of GYLA's observers to the precinct

From 7 to 8 a.m., GYLA's observers had problems with entering polling stations. Above mentioned problems had been detected at 7 precincts, 4 of them being special precincts. At Mtatsminda #40 PEC, Samgori #119 PEC and Gori #109 PEC, GYLA observers were asked to leave their IDs outside the polling station, while once they were admitted to the precinct, they were not allowed to leave it without presenting theirs IDs. With the help of Central Election Commission, the observed problem was settled.

Similar problems also occurred at Didube #57 PEC. Namely, GYLA's observer was told that he/she could not be admitted to the precinct, as the identification card for GYLA and other organization's observer were issued under the same code. GYLA's observer at Khashuri #53 PEC also has problem with admission. He/She was told that Observer ID was already issued for another GYLA observer, at the above mention precinct.

2 problems occurred as the observer was not being admitted to the precinct, for showing up late. These facts were detected at Didube #12 and Gldani #18 PECs.

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#### Violations with casting of lots

Casting of lots violations was detected at Saburtalo #3 PECs. At Saburtalo #3 PEC chairperson registered commission member as a registering clerk, without casting a lots. The same problem occurred at Saburtalo #3 election precinct.

At Didube #53 precinct the flow settler tried to willfully exchange his duty and follow the mobile ballot box. Precinct commission members at Baghdati #23 polling station also willfully exchanged their duties.

#### Violations during filling out control sheet

At #76 precinct of Saburtalo Distric, Kutaisi #65, Samgori #97 and Isani #45 PECs, problems occurred during control sheet filling out procedures. At #76 PEC, indication of time was omitted in the control sheet. At Kutaisi #65, Saburtalo #76, Samgori #97 and Isani #45 PECs control sheet was dropped in, before the first voter showed up at the polling place.

#### Delayed start of balloting at polling stations

Delayed opening was detected at #52 and #1 PECs of Dusheti District. Damaged inking equipment was named as the reason for delayed start of voting process.

#### **Competence of Election Administration**

Election administration competence is rather low at Sagarejo #11 DEC, mostly in the communities populated with ethnic minorities.

#### **Election Documentation problems**

Lack of ballot-paper was observed at #19 Precinct of Samgori District, Krtsanisi #56, Didube#56, Chughureti #44, Khashuri #10, Gori #49, 33, 67 and Kaspi #22 PECs.

9 a.m. GYLA's observers drafted 10 complaints and detected 13 remmarks in a logbook.

GYLA Hotline: 218-26-11

In addition, all the relevant information about elections will be posted on www.electionsportal.ge, where anyone can report about witnessed violations by

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filling in the online form and by sending the free SMS to 90039.

GYLA plans to organize two more briefings on the Election Day observation results at the NGO Media Center (at the address: 34/36 Kobuleti Street).

Next briefings will be at 3 p.m.,6 p.m. and 9 p.m. and on October 28th GYLA will sum up the election observation results at the briefing scheduled at 12:00 p.m.

