



## Election Update II

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International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy continues monitoring of the pre-election period for the May 30, 2010 local self-government elections and the by-elections of Parliament of Georgia. ISFED in the second edition of an on-line bulletin “**Election Update**” presents the findings for April 25, 2010.

### Registration of Electoral Subjects and Observers

#### Registration of political subjects

According to the Election Code of Georgia<sup>1</sup>, no later than the 47<sup>th</sup> day prior to the elections, a party/election bloc should submit its statute and statements, signed by all authorized members of the party, in order to register in **Central Election Commission (CEC)** as an election bloc. As of April 18, three election blocs applied to the CEC for registration, in order to participate in the local self-government elections. These blocs are:

1. “Alliance for Georgia”- Unites four political parties: Georgian Republican Party; Political alliance “New rights”; Political alliance of citizens “Our Georgia – Free Democrats” and Political Party “Georgian Way”
2. “National Council” - unites three political parties: Georgian Conservative Party; Political Alliance “Peoples’ Party” and Movement for “Fair Georgia”.
3. Giorgi Targamadze, Inga Grigolia – “Christian-Democratic Alliance” - Political alliance of citizens “Christian-Democratic Movement”; Political alliance “We Ourselves” and “Christian-Democratic People’s Party”.

Out of these three blocs only “Giorgi Targamadze, Inga Grigolia, Christian-Democratic Alliance” registered for local self-government elections as well as by-elections of Parliament of Georgia.

#### Registration of observer organizations

In order to observe May 30, 2010 elections, 13 local election monitoring organizations have registered in CEC at the moment:

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<sup>1</sup> Election Code of Georgia, Article 117, paragraph 11, Article 95, paragraph 12



1. International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED)
2. “New Generation – New Initiative”
3. Fund - Association of Help of the Disabled Persons
4. Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association (GYLA)
  
5. Registered union “Healthy World”;
6. Registered Union “ Free Election”;
7. Registered Union “Transparency International – Georgia”;
8. Union “International Center of Civil Culture”;
9. Legal Development Society;
10. Union “Europe Partnership Society”;
11. Multinational Georgia;
12. International Organization for Truth and Law, Oppressed and Prisoners Rights’ Protection and Social Insurance;
13. Association for Free Development and Protection of Rights

And three international organizations:

1. European Centre for Minority Issues;
2. OSCE/ODIHR;
3. British Embassy to Georgia.

## **Election Administration**

### **Monitoring of the Central Election Commission**

No later than the 45<sup>th</sup> day prior to the elections, on April 15, the CEC should transfer the financial supports to district election commissions (DEC) on their current accounts. According to the ISFED long term observers funds have not been transferred to the following DEC’s accounts: # 45 Tsageri (was transferred later on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April), # 63 Abasha and # 29 Kazbegi DEC’s. Kazbegi DEC announced that they submitted the details about their account late on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and that is the reason for money transfer delay.

According to the Election Code of Georgia the party/election bloc has the right to request to participate in the election with the same number, as awarded in the previous Parliamentary Elections. This request was made only by the Georgian Conservative Party, which is united in the bloc “National Council”. That means, “National Council” registered and will participate in the local

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self-government elections with the number 7, but in the by-elections of Parliament of Georgia only Conservative Party - with the number 7. This situation can be explained by the fact that some of the blocs do not participate in the by –elections of Parliament of Georgia, though some parties united in these blocs, participate in the by-elections of Parliament of Georgia.

Within the time-frame stipulated by law, no later than the 40<sup>th</sup> day prior to elections, on April 20, at the session of CEC, ordinal numbers were determined for each registered bloc/party. Ordinal numbers for May 30, Elections are as follow:

№2 - Alliance for Georgia (I.Alasania, S.Subari, D. Usupashvili, D.Gamkrelidze, S.Zurabishvili)

№3 - Topadze - Industrialists

№5 - Political Union - United National Movement

№6 - Georgian Sportsmen Union

№7 – National Council (Erovnuli Sabcho)

№8 - The National Party of Radical Democrats of Georgia

№10 - Giorgi Targamadze, Inga Grigolia – Christian Democratic Union

№12 – Political Party – Chveni Kvekana

№17 - National Democratic Party (NDP)

№14 - Political Party - Future Georgia

№18- Political Movement – Solidarity

№25 - Ivanishvili - Public Democrats

№23- Political Union - Public Alliance of Whole Georgia

№21- Tortladze – Democratic Party

№15 – Political Movement - Tavisupleba

№ 16- Momavlis Partia

№19 - Political Movement of Veterans, Patriots and Pensioners - Mamuli

№24- Movement for Fair Georgia (By-elections)

№20– Political Union – Kartuli Dasi

№7 - Conservative Party of Georgia (By-elections)



№13 - Political Union – People’s Party (By-elections)

№22 - Movement for United Georgia

### Monitoring of District and Precinct Election Commissions

ISFED 75 Long Term Observers (LTOs) were monitoring pre-election period in Election Districts of Georgia and were observing the process of implementation of procedures stipulated by the law.

The law stipulates that all District Election Commissions announce the competition for selecting Precinct Election Commissions’ members according to the time-framework. Accordingly, during April 10-14, all DEC’s held sessions, concerning PECs composition. In several district election commissions only one session was hold, while in some other DEC’s 2-3 sessions were held.

In order to improve the transparency and accountability of the election administration, ISFED together with its partner organization Georgian Young Lawyers Association submitted to the Central Election Commission the list of those officials of precinct election commissions whose inadequate work resulted in the annulations of the results of the PECs and/or serious complains were lodged at the PECs during the elections in 2008 (Extraordinary Presidential elections, Parliamentary elections and Adjara Supreme Council elections).

The list of officials provided by the observer organizations is of two types: one list contains the names of those officials who were prohibited to work in election administrations in future, and the second list contains the names of those who were imposed various administrative penalties. ISFED and GYLA recommended the Central Election Commission to distribute the lists among the district election commissions in order to take this information into consideration during selecting the officials of precinct elections commission and avoid the appointment the punished officials at the lower level of election administration. This list concerned 19 Election Districts, those are: # 1 Mtatsminda, # 3 Saburtalo # 4 Krtsanisi, # 7 Chughureti, # 10 Gldani # 12 Gurjaani, # 17 Telavi # 18 Akhmeta, # 32 Gori, # 33 Kareli, 49 Terjola, # 59 Kutaisi, # 61 Lanchkhuti, # 62 Chokhatauri, # 68 Tsalenjikha, # 70 Poti, # 79 Batumi, # 81 Kobuleti, # 82 Shuakhevi and # 83 Khelvachauri election districts.

ISFED long term observers were attending DEC’s sessions during April 10-14, when composition of the Precinct Election Commissions was under way. Monitoring was conducted in 72 Election Districts of Georgia (except of Mestia, Akhgori, and Liakhvi election districts). According to the

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monitoring results, the list presented by observer organizations was delivered to 13 DEC<sup>s</sup> and not delivered to 59 DEC<sup>s</sup> throughout Georgia. But, while this list did not concern to every Election District, there was no necessity to send to all election districts.

From the DEC<sup>s</sup> listed in the observer organizations' list (19 in total) only 5 election districts received the lists from the CEC. Namely, # 4 **Krtsanisi**, # 10 **Gldani**, # 17 **Telavi**, # 32 **Gori**, # 33 **Kareli** DEC<sup>s</sup>. Rest of the 14 DEC<sup>s</sup> - # 1 **Mtatsminda**, # 7 **Chughureti**, # 12 **Gurjaani**, # 18 **Akhmeta**, # 49 **Terjola**, #

**59 Kutaisi**, # 61 **Lanchkhuti**, # 62 **Chokhatauri**, # 68 **Tsalenjikha**, # 70 **Poti**, # 79 **Batumi**, # 81 **Kobuleti**, # 82 **Shuakhevi** and # 83 **Khelvachauri** – did not received above mentioned lists.

While composing the election precincts, monitoring revealed the following circumstances:

- The list was not considered, because was not received by - # 1 **Mtatsminda**, # 59 **Kutaisi**, # 61 **Lanchkhuti**, # 62 **Chokhatauri**, # 81 **Kobuleti** DEC<sup>s</sup>;
- The list was received, but was not considered by - # 32 **Gori**, # 33 **Kareli** DEC<sup>s</sup>;
- The list was received, and partially considered by - # 4 **Krtsanisi**, # 10 **Gldani**, # 17 **Telavi** DEC<sup>s</sup>;
- The list was not received, but based on DEC database, partially considered by - # 49 **Terjola**, # 82 **Shuakhevi**, # 83 **Khelvachauri** DEC<sup>s</sup>;
- The list was not received, but based on DEC database, fully considered by - # 7 **Chughureti**, # 12 **Gurjaani**, # 18 **Akhmeta**, # 68 **Tsalenjikha**, # 79 **Batumi** DEC<sup>s</sup>;

Besides the precinct election commissions, ISFED and GYLA submitted to the Central Election Commission, information concerning # 3 **Saburtalo** DEC Chairman as well. The Chairman of Saburtalo election district, was given a warning during 2008 Presidential Elections and a notice, during 2008 Parliamentary Elections, concerning his unqualified work. It is notable, that the above mentioned person is still the Chairman of # 3 **Saburtalo** DEC.

45 days prior to the elections<sup>2</sup>, on April 15 DEC<sup>s</sup> was required to publish the numbers, addresses, telephone/fax numbers and other requisites of all precinct election commissions, via press and other means of mass media. According to ISFED LTOs all elections districts published numbers, addresses, telephone/fax numbers and other requisites of all precinct election commissions. But in most cases all these information was published on DEC<sup>s</sup> public stands.

During April 13-18 commission sessions were held in all DEC<sup>s</sup>, where mainly composition of precinct election commissions was discussed. The sessions covered the issues related the appointment of PEC<sup>s</sup> members by the political parties, creating of the working group for rechecking documentations received in DEC<sup>s</sup> by the political parties, changes among selected PEC members (for example: in # 17 Telavi DEC, during the session it became known that that representatives of Republican party Nino

<sup>2</sup> Election Code of Georgia, Article 16, paragraph 7



Vardanashvili, who was commission member of # 7 PEC, was changed by Tsiala Lekviashvili. The reason of change was that the previous member started work in public sector) and correcting voters' lists. For example, # 60 Ozurgeti DEC received list of 700 voters. From this list the DEC by random sampling rechecked data of 150-200 voters. Through checking the data 3 deceased people were found in the list. The Checked voters were removed from the lists according to their registration address. Besides that, the DEC's were carrying out activities as prescribed by the election schedule.

During April 13-18 in **34** election districts, all DEC members (13) were attending commission sessions and in the rest of the DEC's the sessions of district election commissions had the necessary quorum for adopting the decisions.

During April 19-25, sessions were held in **42** DEC's and not held in 33 DEC's. The DEC's sessions were not held are as follows: # 21 Gardabani, # 23 Bolnisi, # 27 Mtskheta, # 28 Dusheti, # 29 Khazbegi, # 35 Khashuri, # 36 Borjomi, # 37 Akhaltsikhe, # 40 Akhalkalaki, # 41 Ninotsminda, # 48 Kharagauli, # 49 Terjola, # 51 Zestaponi, #52 Baghdati, #53 Vani, # 54 Samtredia, # 57 Tkhivuli, # 43 Oni, # 45 Tsageri, # 46 Lentekhi, # 63 Abasha, # 64 Senaki, # 65 Martvili, # 67 Zugdidi, #68 Tsalenjikha, # 17 Telavi, # 11 Sagarejo, # 13 Sighnaghi, # 18 Akhmeta, # 16 Khvareli, # 14 Dedoplistskharo, # 80 Qeda და # 62 Chokhatauri DEC's. The following topics were discussed during the sessions: registration of majoriary candidates, opening of the PEC's, changing/altering commission members appointed by the political parties, improving voters' lists and other activities prescribed by the law.

During April 19-25 in **27** election districts all DEC members (13) were attending commission sessions and in **15** DEC's the sessions of district election commissions had the necessary quorum for adopting the decisions. The Commissions' sessions were held in 42 DEC's in total).

According to the Election legislation<sup>3</sup>, no later than 34 days prior to the elections, newly created PEC should hold its first commission session. During April 24-25, commissions' sessions were held in all PEC's of almost all election districts. ISFED will provide detailed information concerning the first sessions of precinct election commissions in its next editions of "Election Update".

<sup>3</sup> Election Code of Georgia, Article 20, paragraph 4



## Campaign Environment

During the monitoring period the political parties, participating in elections, were carrying out the pre-election campaign in various election districts of Georgia. The pre-election campaign was held in the following election districts:

The Christian-Democratic Party held meetings with the population in **# 2 Vake, # 3 Saburtalo, # 7 Chughureti, # 10 Gldani, # 18 Akhmeta** election districts. The political party presented its program on the meetings.

The United National Movement held meetings with the population in **# 13 Sighnaghi, # 18 Akhmeta, # 57 Tkhivuli, # 60 Ozurgeti** election districts.

The Conservative Party held meetings with the population in **# 2 Vake, # 10 Gldani, # 57 Tkhivuli** election districts.

Political Party “Industry will save Georgia” held meetings with the population in **# 2 Vake** election district.

Political Party “New Rights” met voters in **# 12 Gurjaani** election district.

The Republican Party held meetings with the population in **# 26 Tetrtskharo** and **# 83 Khelvachauri** election districts.

Election Block “Alliance for Georgia” held meeting with the population in **# 1 Mtatsminda, # 2 Vake, # 5 Isani** election districts.

The Majoritarian Candidate of Political party “Our Georgia –Free Democrats”, Mamuka Merkviladze held meeting with the population in **# 6 Samgori** election district, in III massive.

The Party “Movement for Fair Georgia” held the meeting with the population in **# 15 Lagodekhi** election district.

Representatives of Democratic Party held a meeting with population in **# 24 Dmanisi** election district.

During the monitoring period, political parties mentioned that they are satisfied with number of the stands allocated for election agitation. The political parties/subject did not complain about the TV time distribution/advertisement issues as well.



According to the information of ISFED LTOs, only the representative of “Alliance for Georgia” complained about the fee of political advertisement. Specifically, the representative of “Alliance for Georgia” stated, that the fee for 1 minute political advertisement increased 10 times, comparing with the previous week (according to him, a week ago the fee for 1 minute was 900 USD and now it is 9 000 USD. The increase concerns the TV companies “Rustavi2” and “Imedi”). ISFED LTO obtained this information from # 2 Vake DEC member Mariam Shelegia. ISFED checked the information concerning the political advertisement fee with TV “Rustavi 2”. According to the TV Company the fee for political advertisement starts from 400 USD and the maximum amount for 30 seconds is 16 000 USD<sup>4</sup>. ISFED can not verify and/or deny an increase of the fee for political advertisement, as the prices diverse according to the programs and hours.

### Hinder of election campaign/pressure/legislation violation

According to the statement of Gia Mchedlishvili, the district leader of “Movement for Fair Georgia”, in # 15 Lagodekhi election district the party was not allowed to use cinema building for the meeting. Additionally, regional leader of the party mentioned, that mini-bus drivers refused to transport the voters from villages to the district centre.

In # 60 Ozurgeti the election district, independent experts’ group, coming from Tbilisi, faced the problems regarding the renting of the place in cinema “Ozurgeti”. They asked for an assistance to the project coordinator of Transparency International Georgia – Shorena Ghlonti and local journalists, who addressed to the director of the cinema for renting the hall on April 13. Director of the cinema, Levan Mgeladze refused to rent the hall to the above mentioned experts’ group. He explained his decision, that the hall and building were in bad shape and accordingly he did not have a right to rent the hall. It is notable, that # 6 PEC is located in this cinema; In addition, on April 16, in the same building youth group of the “United National Movement” held a closed meeting with the young citizens of Ozurgeti Municipality.

In # 15 Lagodekhi DEC, according to the regional leader of “Movement for Fair Georgia” Gia Mchedlishvili, the party representatives had a problem during conducting the survey in village Kabali. Namely, Proxy of the territorial unit Jemal Niazov interfered with the work of party interviewers (Eka Samkharadze, Gogita Gelashvili, Maia Shermazashvili, Sopho Kovziridze). The proxy called the voters not to participate in the survey.

According to the Head of Vake headquarter of Conservative Party, Nika Kacharava, in # 2 Vake election district unknown people tore down the party advertisement posters in I corp. of Bagebi.

On April 13 the head of # 51 Zestaponi DEC branch of the “Alliance for Georgia was arrested”, who was in Tbilisi for the meeting with party leaders. In the house of the regional leader the law-

<sup>4</sup> Please, see the advertisement schedule of TV “Rustavi2” for April: <http://rustavi2.com/news/advertisementg.php>



enforcement bodies found out narcotic substance and he was put under the pre-detention sentence. ISFED will provide additional information concerning this fact in next “Election Update”.

According to the statement of new **Head of # 51 Zestaponi** DEC branch of “Alliance for Georgia” Zaal Kapanadze, the representatives of Security Service called the party supporters to stop any contacts with the party. Otherwise, they were threatened that their family members will lose the jobs.

According to the member of “Alliance for Georgia” Nato Khatashvili, in **# 14 Dedoplistskharo** DEC, the managers of the Nature Protection Service terminated the working contract with her, because she was supporter of “Alliance for Georgia”.

**In # 70 Poti** election district, PEC members were trained in Poti library building by the employee of Judicial Issues Committee of Parliament of Georgia. ISFED long term observer in **# 70 Poti** election district, attended the training as well. During the training, the trainer gave to the training participants the instructions of the PEC chairman though the chairmen were not selected by that time yet.

## Voters Lists

During the monitoring period, the Central Election Commission presented the analysis carried out on the problems in voters lists, submitted by the political parties.

For the given time, there are 3 566 600 voters in unified voters’ list. Unified voters’ list do not contain the voters of Liakhvi, Kodori and Akhagori, if they did not register in the Ministry of Refugees and Accommodation, as an IDPs after 2008 August war.

Data of 133 000 voters were corrected in unified voters list, out of which 19 815 correction was made in voters’ first names, 33 766 – in last names, 24 284 – date of birth, 55 094 – in surnames, 225 – duplicates, 2825 – deceased, 13 000 voters have remark “is on consulate registration”, and 121 000 voters remark – “is being out of the country”, etc.

According to the December 28, 2009 amendments in the organic law, Election Code of Georgia, Article 129<sup>15</sup> defines the following: voter, who changes his/her address from January 15, 2010 to June 1, 2010, will receive temporary ID card. Voters, can to use their active electoral right, via temporary ID card. Hereby, the law does not stipulate, voters should remain old ID cards or not.

It worth mentioning that, the temporary ID cards were given to every voter, who changed the address, throughout the country. For the given time, this type of voters are approximately, 9 000. Out of which, 450 voters (according to the Civil Registry of Georgia) did not remain old ID cards because



of various reasons (two or more parameters were changed in one and the same ID card, for example: last name and registration address, first name and registration address, etc.).

Article 129<sup>15</sup>, paragraph 3 of the Election Code of Georgia determined the voting process for that voters, who have written in their IDs – “without address”. According to the abovementioned Article, these voters will participate only in proportional elections of local self-governing body – Sakrebulo and Tbilisi Mayor Elections.

ISFED welcomes this decision, as it is very difficult to distribute this kind of voters a Tbilisi and 4 self-governing cities according to one-mandate majoritarian sub-districts. Herewith, it is unclear, why those voters were restricted the right of voting with majoritarian system, who live in the territory of those districts, where majoritarian sub-districts will not be created (Gurjaani, Khashuri, Gori, Telavi, Samtredia, Kobuleti, Khelvachauri, Zugdidi, etc.).

Third problematic category in the voters list, is 12 000 voters, who were removed from their registration addresses based on the applications submitted by owner of the apartment (from 2008 year, according to the CRA). Is notable that based on specific character of local elections, voter elects his/her self-government, according to his/her living address. In addition Election Code Article 9, part 3 stipulates that voter in the voters’ list is included according to his/her registration address. Correspondingly, those 12 000 voters, who were removed from their registry by the owners application, cannot be included on voters list, according to their old registration place.

ISFED considers that participation of this kind of voter on May 30, 2010 elections should be regulated in a different way and decision towards this issue should be made by the Parliament of Georgia. Moreover, the decision concerning regulating this issue, should be made immediately, in order to inform these voters relevantly.

### Checking out the Voters Lists

On April 2010, Civil Registry Agency provided five non-governmental organizations with materials, concerning removing the people from their registration addresses, based on applications submitted by the apartment owners. CRA mentions, that political parties presented part of these materials, based on the findings revealed during voters’ lists monitoring process.

On April 24-25, 2010 the representatives of ISFED, GYLA, TI Georgia, together with the representatives of the Civil Registry Agency monitored a number of addresses by the random sampling. During two days, 19 addresses were monitored in total. Namely:

1. Cholokhashvili St, II quart. Bldg. 5, Apt. 111 - owner: Gela Mchedlishvili
2. Moskovki Ave. I Comp. Bldg. 4, Apt. 122 - owner: Nurad Sabadze;
3. 13 Khmelnitskhi St, Apt. 39 - owner: Marine Mazmaniantsi;

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4. 42 Moscow Ave. Apt. 47 - owner: Tengiz Ashordia;
5. 2 Moscow Ave, Bldg. I, Apt 112 - owner: Maia Kobidze;
6. Varketili 3. III m/d, Bldg. 310, Apt. 129 - owner: Mariam Gogolauri;
7. Varketili 3. III m/d, Bldg. 20, Apt. 42 - owner: Tinatin Gogishvili;
8. Vazisubani settlement. Bldg. 7, Flat. #64 - owner: Irma Shangiradze;
9. Vazisubani II m/d. Bldg. 11, Apt. 4 - owner: Eter Papidze;
10. Vazisubani settlement. Bldg. 2, Flat. 65 - owner: Ekaterine Bakuradze;
11. Gumathesi, I Bldg, Apt. 27 - owner: Zoida Alimamedova
12. Gumathesi, IV Bldg. Apt. # 75 - owner: Mzia Tinikashvili
13. 78 Tsamebuli St, Apt. 20;
14. 151 Khmelnistskhi St, Apt. 22;
15. 36 Moscow Ave. Apt. 13;
16. 50 Chavchavadze St. Apt. 7 - owner: Givi Mujiri
17. Petritsi, I Bldg. Apt 155
18. Vazisubani settlement, Bldg. 8, Apt 48 - owner: Marina Nozadze
19. Varketili 3, I m/d, Bldg. 24, Apt 26 - owner: Eliso Gedekhauri

The monitoring shows the following:

1. App. 111, House 5, Block 2, Cholokasvhvili Street- the apartment is owned by Gela Mjedlishvili, though there are five other people registered at this address (Robert Gabrieliანი, Raikhana Gabrieliანი, Giorgi Iremashvili, Nino Urushadze, Malkhaz Iremashvili) who do not live there. Three people (Giorgi Iremashvili, Nino Urushadze, Malkhaz Iremashvili) were registered upon the consent of the owner in 2004-2005, however he does not know who are Robert Gabrieliანი and Raikhana Gabrieliანი. Only during the elections in 2008 did the owner learn about the fact of registration of those people at his apartment. According to the data from the Civic Registry Agency Robert Gabrieliანი and Raikhana Gabrieliანი were registered at this address in 1979 (USSR passport). Upon the application submitted by the owner of the apartment Gela Mjedlishvili the registration of all 5 people at this address were terminated.

2. App. 39, B.Khmelnitski Street 13- the apartment is owned by Marine Mazmaniantsi, though 4 other people are also registered at this address (Ecaterine Makharadze- registered in 2004, Valeri Mirzoiani- registered in 1998, David Mamismedashvili- registered in 2007, and Diana Mamismedashvili- registered in 2007). The neighbor informed the monitors that the above-mentioned people lived in this address (5 year ago) and after that they changed the living address. Marine Mazmaniantsi purchased the apartment from Lamara Miminoshvili. According to the data from the Civil Registry Agency Diana and David Mamismedashvili were registered at this address by the consent of previous owner, Lamara Miminoshvili. Upon the application submitted by the owner of the apartment Marine Mazmaniantsi the registration of all 4 people at this address were terminated.



3. Apr. 47, Moscow Avenue 42- The owner of the apartment is Tengiz Ashordia, though other 3 people are also registered at this address (Karen Nalbandiani, Ruben Nalbandiani da Zaven Nalbandiabiani). These people are the previous owners of the apartment and currently live abroad. The information about the registration of those people at this address was provided to the owner Ashordia by the coordinator of the National Movement during the voters' list monitoring. According to the owner for monitoring of the voters' list the representatives of other parties visited him, though they did not provided information about the registration of other people at his apartment. The owner is not sure which party assisted him with writing the application on terminating of the registration of those people at this address, though he mentioned that he has not received the voters' tickets on those people yet.

ISFED would like to underline that according to the # 437 decree of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (August 12, 1997) on " the rules for registration and identification of the citizens of Georgia and foreigners living in Georgia" ( Article 1 of the Chapter 10) " the identification cards, registration certificates, and USSS passports which cannot be used, contain the incorrect data, lost, found, changed, belong to the diseased people, upon their invalidation shall be stored for two years in the special storage. After 2 years the above-mentioned documents and the invalid registration documents submitted to the citizens' registration service shall be destroyed.

Accordingly during conducting the monitoring it proved impossible to locate the document showing each owner's consent of registering other person in his/her address.

**Clarification:** In the first edition of the "Election Update" for April 1-13, 2010, ISFED mentioned about checking the address of 5 voters. The "Election Update" says that the citizens addressed the Civil Registry Agency with request on cancellation the registration of people registered at their addresses.

ISFED would like to clarify that the according to the Civic Registry Agency the applications of those owners were submitted to the Agency by the opposition political parties upon completion of the voters' list monitoring, ISFED is relying and disseminating the information provided by the Civil Registry Agency.