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## Press Release

Yesterday, on July 27, 2009, at Chisinau Airport ( the Republic of Moldova) 11 observers of “ International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy” were detained. The observers travelled to Moldova through European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) to observe the snap Parliamentary Elections on July 29. Two other SFED’s representatives worked in Moldova as staff of ENEMO mission.

At Chisinau Airoprt 11 ISFED’s observers were detained for 24 hours. As a result of efforts made by the Ministry of Foriegn Affairs of Georgia, the Embassy of Georgia to Romania, and National Democratic Institute for International Affairs the detainees were released.

By now 13 ISFED’s representatives ( 11 Short Term Observers and 2 staff members) left the Republic of Moldova and are returning to Georgia. ISFED’s representatives will arrive at Tbilisi Airport at 03:20 AM on July 29, 2009.

ISFED thanks everyone who supported the organization and engaged actively in resolving the issue.

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