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International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy
Election Statement Release # 1, 10:00 AM

The International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) is conducting wide scale monitoring of the Local Self-Government Elections and the By-Elections for the Georgian Parliament today. ISFED observes the voting with **1100** Election Precinct Observers, **73** Election District Observers, **73** mobile groups and **15** legal teams. ISFED is also conducting qualitative and quantitative monitoring of the Election throughout the day. As of 10:00 AM, ISFED presents the following data:

According to the information provided by ISFED Observers:

- **17%** of Elections Precincts reported opening earlier or later than the time set by the legislation.
- In **5 %** of the election precincts there were more than 1500 registered voters.
- **3%** of Election Precincts were not prepared for voting and did not have all election materials available.
 1. At this time, the total number of received ballot papers is less than the total number of voters on the General Voters' List in the; **4th** Election Precinct of the **3rd Saburtalo** District; the **6th, 12th, 60th, 78th and 98th** Election Precincts from the **32nd Gori** District; the **90th** Election Precinct of the **67th Zugdidi** District (the Precinct for voters without addresses).
 2. There are no Majoritarian Election Ballot Papers in the **32nd** Election Precinct from the **45th Tsageri** District. According to the Precinct Election Commission, the Majoritarian Election Ballot Papers were erroneously sent to the **31st** Election Precinct of the same District. Later, it became known that the Majoritarian Election Ballot Papers were not been printed at all. According to the District Election Commission, they received the instructions from the Central Election Commission that the voters are allowed to vote only through the proportional system.
 3. In the **89th** Election Precinct of the **59th Kutaisi** District, the members of the Precinct Election Commission were not given the Commission's stamp.

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Voter Lists:

- There were Observers who did not apply to the District Election Commission and the Precinct Election Commissions for inclusion in the Supplementary Voters' List, but they were included on lists from the **23rd** and **34th** Election Precincts from the **60th Ozurgeti** District.
- In the **5th** Election Precinct of the **79th Batumi** District, the Voter's List and Wall List are different.

Observers:

- There were problems observed with allowing voters into the **109th** Special Election Precinct from the **59th Kutaisi** District; the **24th** Special Election Precinct from the **32nd Gori** District, and the **46th** Election Precinct from the **7th Chugureti** District.

Voting:

- At the **14th** Election Precinct from the **4th Krtsanisi** District, the first voter voted without conducting the necessary procedure of filling out the Control Paper.
- At the **71st** Election Precinct from the **59th Kutaisi** District, the voters put 4 election ballots into the envelope.

Procedural Irregularities:

- At the **46th** Election Precinct from the **7 Chugureti** District, the functions among the members of the Precinct Election Commission were distributed without casting lots.
- At the **38th** Election Precinct from the **47th Mestia** District, the marking procedures were not conducted.

By 10:00 AM ISFED has lodged **5** complaints.

International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy continues monitoring throughout Election Day and will present monitoring findings in the next statement.



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