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Statement

Despite ISFED and “Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association” (GYLA) several recommendations, the clause about voters’ registration on the Election Day still remains in the draft amendments to the Organic Law of Georgia “Unified Election Code” for the second hearing. In particular, Article 129⁷, Paragraph 6 of the draft allows voters to register on supplementary lists on the Election Day of 2008 Extraordinary Presidential Elections. Therefore, a voter not included in the unified voters’ lists will be able to vote in a precinct based on his/her ID card confirming his/her registered residence within the relevant precinct boundaries.

International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy addresses the Parliament of Georgia that voters’ registration on the Election Day:

- Contradicts with international electoral standards, which acknowledge superiority of creating accurate voters’ lists prior the Election Day;
- Contradicts with the recommendations of international organizations;
- Increases the probability of double voting.

Herewith, on the Election Day, it is impossible to check in how many election precincts a specific person has registered. In particular, voters’ lists computer system can not ensure checking possible cases of double voting for precincts during the Election Day.

Therefore, International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy deems that the above-mentioned legislative amendment creates the danger of the election fraud and unsatisfactory evaluation of elections. Thus, ISFED calls upon the Parliament of Georgia to make an adequate decision in order to administer elections in a fair manner.