



## Statement

International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) will conduct a large-scale monitoring of the upcoming Parliamentary elections on May 21, 2008, which includes:

- Pre-election;
- Election day;
- Post election procedures.

### Pre-election Period

During the pre-election period, ISFED central and regional offices as well as district representatives will monitor the entire electoral process carried out by the Election Administration of Georgia. Particularly, ISFED representatives will attend sessions at Central Election Commission (CEC) and District Election Commissions (DECs), will monitor the composition of Election Administrations at all levels, will observe the implementation of pre-election activities and implementation of pre-election procedures within the timeframes prescribed by law. Additionally, ISFED will monitor the pre-election campaigns conducted by political subjects and the methods used by them to gain votes, the process of verification of voters' lists will be monitored as well. Special attention will be paid on the usage of administrative resources.

Despite those, in pre-election period ISFED will activate hot-lines, by which voters will be available to receive consultation on any kind of election related issue. In addition, ISFED election experts will inform the public about electoral procedures, by organizing radio talk-shows in different regions throughout Georgia. Additionally, in order to inform public about voting procedures, ISFED will organize public stands, where preliminarily elaborated special publishing materials will be distributed.

The relevant information about pre-election monitoring will become public as by the briefings organized by ISFED on the weekly basis, by the special on-line bulleting - "Election Update" as well.

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## Election Day

The ISFED monitoring mission covers the significant number of election precincts in 75 election districts. On May 21, 2008 ISFED will send its non-partisan observers to the central district and precinct election commissions. At the same time mobile and legal groups will be created in order to gain the most recent information from the polling stations. Those groups will also be obliged to react on critical situations at the polling stations, if such cases will be observed.

During the Election Day, by the special press-conferences, ISFED will disseminate information about the ongoing voting procedures and violations (if existing) at the given time.

Regarding the abovementioned, on the Election Day ISFED will conduct the Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) by the proportional system. For this sake, ISFED will create special PVT centre, where PVT operators will gather and enter the received data in the preliminarily created special software. PVT centre will work during the whole night on the Election Day. The next day ISFED will disseminate PVT results.

## Post-Election Procedures

Following the Election Day ISFED will monitor the whole process of counting and summarizing results at the CEC as well as the processes of considering complaints, court appeals and deadlines prescribed by law.

Later ISFED will issue the final report on May 21, 2008 Parliamentary elections including not only monitoring results, but also recommendations for further improvement of election procedures.

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International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) is the non-partisan, non-profit, non- governmental organization founded in 1995. The main goal of ISFED election campaign is to ensure transparency and effective implementation of election procedures also to increase the confidence of the society toward election results. The organization has monitored all the elections held in the country since 1995 and implemented PVT on the last five elections.

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