

OBSERVATION REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN ELECTIONS IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH

03. MAY 2015

On 03.May 2015 parliamentary elections took place in Nagorno-Karabakh (NK).

While the NK Republic is internationally not recognized, Bulgarian political party "FREEDOM" as part of the parliamentary represented coalition "Patriotic Front", strongly welcomes the wish of de-facto authorities to organize local self- government based on democratic principles.

The official code of conduct of OSCE/ODIHR and the UN principles were fully followed, while observation mission was in process.

The observation mission was a short-term observation and includes the Election Day , visiting polling stations and interviews with observers and voters. The mission included polling stations in Askeran region - #5/1 Antrakan Terramas, #5/7 Ivanik, #5/19 Noragiu, # 5/3 Ovsepavan, Asthashensk#11/34, #11/43/, together with the observer Andrew Mambondiyani, Zimbabwe.

During the mission, full transparency and cooperation was provided by the local authorities. The efforts made to allow me and other observers to gain full insights and transparency were considerable , and I call to international community to appreciate these efforts.

Positive observations in the polling stations observed:

- All proxies questioned reported no violations of the electoral code, at the time of asking
- In line with the electoral code, educational posters were visible in all polling stations. No political advertising was visible in the protected proximity of the polling stations
- Voter lists were posted transparently in all polling stations.
- Voters were only permitted to vote in their designated polling station
- Information gathered about the vote counting revealed solid procedures
- Voting procedures in all polling stations made a solid and organized impression
- No reports of violence or tensions were received throughout the observations and in general the situation was peaceful and relaxed
- Voters, questioned at the polling stations reported no violations
- Polling station staff and proxies fully cooperated with the observers and provided full transparency
- The Central Election Commission fully cooperated and provided full transparency/
- Voter turnout was above average compared to European and Bulgarian election

NOTE ! in the polling station of NORAGIU5/19 there are no structure or facility for the disabled persons to reach the hall. Very high and long stairs to the second floor!

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