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VOTERS LIST CERTIFIED

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Central Election Commission, have had its 46th regular meeting. In the meeting's agenda was given a detailed report regarding the compilation of Voters List, so far one of the most crucial organization and preparations for the 15 November Local Elections.

Besnik Buzhala (Electoral Operations Department) has addressed about the Voters List in details giving the necessary information. In accordance with the Election Law, Service Voters team has done a very good work and in the interest of completing the preparation for the election process.

Final Voters List 2009 (FVL 2009) about the Local Elections and for the Mayor was based upon the Civil Registry Extract. This extract was compiled by the Department for the production of Document (DPD), within the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Final Voters List 2009 has 1.563.741 names which are divided in 36 municipalities, 746 Polling Centers and 2256 Polling stations. FVL also has all the names of eligible voters, who successfully applied in the program of outside Kosova voting.

Compilation of Voters List has had impact from other special factors like Decentralization process which is related to forming 6 new municipalities, the assignment of new polling stations were done with the recommendations of Municipal Election Commissions. (MEC)

Therefore, 125 new polling centers were opened. Total number of post cards is 264.988 were sent to new voters and to those that the polling center has been reassigned and has to confirm for which location they have decided.

All the voters had the possibilities to contact the Office of Voters Service during the voters' service period. During this time 4538 voters has visited the MECs office, 1550 has requested to change the polling centers. Out of this request 91 were refused: 60 were refused for the reasons that the Polling Centers they requested to vote is not within the boundaries of the municipalities they live, 5 voters has been refused because they did not provide any identification document and 26 voters has applied more than twice to changes and they has been considered as double appliers.

Challenge and Confirmation Period (22 September – 2 October) has given the possibilities to all voters to challenge FVL. During this period 345 voters has confirmed their data while 21 has challenged FVL.

After this period Office for Voters Service has taken 16 decisions from the municipally courts, 5 of them were requests for removal of deceased persons which are still in the FVL, 8 has been reassigned to other polling center and 3 persons did not apply since they were not in the voters list.

By-mail voting was in a period of 7 August up to 7 September, this has been extended to 15 September. About 10.000 according to the 2007 data were sent out to the candidates who are going to vote by-mail. While 24.400 other forms were sent in different places. Total 2630 application has been accepted among which 1.806 were approved and 824 were refused mainly because lack of data.

Total FVL contains 1.563.741 voters. Based on the DPD data, Office for Voters Service has removed 22,851 deceased voters from FVL, 3000 did not receive any kind of registration document and **7 voters were removed from the list because they have registered twice.**

Central Election Commission has certified the Voters List bad on the article 64.2 of the General Election Law (Law no.03/L-037). President Mrs. Nesrin Lushta on behalf of CEC has thanked the Department for the Production of Documents for doing such an incredible job, while the Voters List has been unanimously approved by the CEC members.

Following the meeting, CEC has reviewed the recommendations of IFES regarding the Public Information. IFES has proposed the reallocation of information product for the period of 27 October – 15 November. The proposals have to do with reduction on how to vote posters for municipal assembly and mayoral as well as voting steps posters (from 60.000 to 30.000 for each poster) while increase the number of leaflets for 50%.

To reduce the number of advertisement in the diaspora newspapers from 17 to 7-10 per day and not publish commercials in the magazines since 300 advertisements of half page are now already being published in the daily newspaper. According to these recommendations, saved means from these shortages will be used for motivation campaign: TV spots in both languages, radio spots in 5 languages for 2 weeks, printing of 30.000 motivated posters as well as motivated leaflets (number to be determine later), major advertising in televisions.

After receiving and reviewing the information Central Election Commission has approved these IFES's recommendations

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