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## **ENEMO ELECTION OBSERVERS ENCOURAGE CEC TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE REMAINING ELECTION RESULTS**

**KYIV, UKRAINE** – Peter Novotny, co-head of the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations, today encouraged the Ukrainian Central Election Commission to immediately release the final results of Sunday’s presidential election.

Novotny noted that, “During the first 18 hours of the vote tabulation process, the CEC counted and released 94.20 percent of all results. Those tabulations brought Viktor Yushchenko and Viktor Yanukovich within one percentage point of each other. However, within the last 26 hours, the CEC has released only .7 percent of the remaining results. At this point, there is no way to know which candidate will place first – a fact that could be important in the short run-up to the second round of the election.

“This delay undermines voter confidence and may give the appearance of a deliberate delay. It also creates difficulty in preparing for the 21 November second round.”

Given problems identified during the election process so far not only by ENEMO, but also by the OSCE and other international organizations, Novotny said that releasing these results as soon as possible would encourage greater confidence in the electoral process and demonstrate a commitment to transparency and fairness.

According to the CEC’s website ([www.cvk.gov.ua/wp0011](http://www.cvk.gov.ua/wp0011), click “results in the regions”), the highest percentage of unreleased results are found in Kyiv, Kirovograd, Ivano-Frankivsk, Zakarpatia, Zhirtomia, and Herson.

*ENEMO is a group of civic organizations from 16 countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The civic organizations are the leading domestic election monitoring groups in their countries, and have in total observed more than 110 national elections and trained more than one hundred thousand election monitors. The organization conducted first round monitoring on campaign observation and also observed in approximately 300 polling stations on October 31. At the time, ENEMO noted its concern over “numerous, serious irregularities” discovered during its monitoring effort.*

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