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INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS NOTE CONCERN OVER MOBILE VOTING PROCEDURES

MOBILE VOTING APPLICATIONS OFTEN WRITTEN IN SAME HANDWRITING OR TYPED; OBSERVERS ALSO NOTE SEVERAL INSTANCES OF VOTER LIST IRREGULARITIES

KYIV, UKRAINE – Peter Novotny, head of The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) today noted that, although it is too early to make any statement regarding the conduct of the election, observers have noted one area of concern. Novotny said, “Our observers in several regions have reported questionable applications for mobile voting, many seemingly written in the same handwriting and many typed and not signed.” Novotny also noted several instances of voter list irregularities. In particular:

Mobile Voting

In Zakarpattia (TEC 71/115) – ENEMO noted 55 applications for mobile voting with the same handwriting; electoral commissioner said all voters who applied were unable to write on their own.

In Zakarpattia (TEC75/25), ENEMO noted more than 50 applications for mobile voting with the same handwriting.

In Luhansk (TEC 111/66), ENEMO observers witnessed 10 voters ordered to leave the precinct so they could vote at home in private.

In Zhitomir (TEC 68/247), ENEMO witnessed two voters being told that they could not vote at the precinct because their names were on the list to use mobile voting. They said they had not applied to vote at home.

In Luhansk (TEC 110/7), ENEMO noted that 68 applications appear to have been written by one person, while there were 64 typed mobile voting applications

In Khmelnytski (TEC 109/43), ENEMO noted 58 applications for mobile voting with the same handwriting and written in the same ink. The same situation was found in Solobkovtse with 67 applications for mobile voting in the same handwriting.

In Luhansk (TEC 114/117), PEC Chairperson admitted to writing all mobile voting applications, which he said were based on phone requests.

Dnipropetrovsk (TEC 40/82), ENEMO noted 90 applications for mobile voting that were typed. Even more, the names of these voters are not crossed out in the voter lists, which would allow a vote to be cast at home and at the station in their name.

Dnipropetrovsk (TEC 38/99), ENEMO found 47 typed mobile voting applications and 6 handwritten applications with the same handwriting. The PEC claimed this is acceptable since they “know who should vote at home.”

In Donetsk (TEC 46/104), ENEMO notes that 12% of 796 registered voters had applied for mobile voting.

In Donetsk (TEC 42/57), ENEMO found 38 names on the mobile voting list who had not submitted an application to use mobile voting.

In Donetsk (TEC 50/31), ENEMO found 80 mobile voting applications written in the same handwriting.

In Donetsk (TEC 50/9), ENEMO found 63 typed applications for mobile voting.

In Poltava (TEC 151/16), ENEMO found 45 typed applications for mobile voting.

In Chernivtsi (TEC 58/206), officials did not provide a list of voters approved to vote at home.

In Luhansk (TEC 114/115), PEC chairperson is refusing to accept non-invalid mobile voting applications. Only five applications accepted.

In Sumy (TEC 162/34), ENEMO found 42 applications for mobile voting applications in the same handwriting.

Voter Lists

In Dnipropetrovsk (TEC 30/71), the names of approximately 80 voters are repeated in the list.

In Kharkiv (TEC 177/4), ENEMO noted 76 voters with duplicate names on the voter lists. The majority of these names are repeated on voter lists in PECs 3 and 5.

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