

# Promo-LEX Observation Mission for the general local and new parliamentary elections of October 20, 2019: Opening of polling stations

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*The Promo-LEX Observation Mission for the general local and new parliamentary elections of October 20, 2019 informs that by 8.30 a.m., the Mission received from observers 56 incident reports, this press release including 26 incidents processed by the central team of the Promo-LEX Mission.*

## **Opening of polling stations**

**The Promo-LEX OM for the general local elections and the new parliamentary elections of October 20, 2019, finds:**

### **Delayed opening of the polling station – 1 case.**

- **PS 1/148 Chisinau, Center Dist.** The PS opened at 7:45 due to the late arrival of the PEB president.

### **Presence of advertising materials, posters, electoral displays within the precinct (100 meters from the polling station) – 9 cases.**

- **PS 18/67, Floresti, Varvareuca.** Electoral advertising on the displays has not been removed.
- **PS 18/5, Floresti.** A candidate's poster is stuck on a building in close proximity to the PS.
- **PS 1/308, Chisinau, Coloniata.** The observer reported that a billboard with 2 candidates is placed within 100

meters of the PS.

- **PS 1/249 Chisinau, Rascani Dist.** There are 3 billboards of the same candidate within 100 m of the PS. They are located at a distance of 15 m, 50 m and 70 m.
- **PS 1/262 Chisinau, Durlesti.** There are 2 billboards displaying 2 candidates at a distance of 40 m from the PS.
- **PS 1/27, Chisinau, Bacioi.** There are 2 billboards displaying 2 candidates at a distance of about 60 m from the PS.
- **PS 1/289, Chisinau, Budesti.** There are electoral posters promoting a candidate located at a distance of 30 meters from PS.
- **PS 16/1, Edinet.** There are panels of a candidate at a distance of 50-60 m from the PS. The PEB president was informed of the fact and a person was delegated to remove the advertising.
- **PS 1/266 Chisinau, Durlesti.** A billboard displaying a candidate is located at a distance of 50 meters from PS.

**Ballot boxes have not been sealed in compliance with the legal procedures / broken / deteriorated or complete absence of seals on the ballot boxes – 3 cases.**

- **PS 01/176, Chisinau, Ciocana Dist.** At 07:26, there were no seals on the mobile ballot box.
- **PS 1/10, Chisinau, Botanica Dist.** All 3 stationary ballot boxes in the PS were secured with only 2 seals.
- **PS 1/260, Chisinau, Cricova.** There are 3 stationary ballot boxes in the PS all of them being secured with 2 seals.

**Interruption of the shooting process at the opening of the PS – 7 cases.**

- **PS 27/50, Riscani, Vasileuti.** The camcorder could not be turned on to shoot the preparation of the PS. The operators failed to connect it. The President of the PEB

announced that he would draw up a statement of fact.

- **PS 28/35, Singerei, Cubolta.** At the opening of the polling station the equipment for video recording did not work. A statement of fact was drawn up.
- **PS 7/45 Cahul, Lebedenco.** The camcorder was connected on time, but it did not record anything.
- **PS 7/4, Cahul.** Technical malfunction of the camcorder. It works for 2-3 minutes then disconnects.
- **PS 28/35, Singerei, Cubolta.** When preparing for the opening of the PS, the video recording camera did not work. It did not have sufficient storage space.
- **PS 23/32 Nisporeni, Seliste.** The camcorder was on only during the counting of ballot papers before the opening of the PS. However, it was disconnected during the process of sealing the ballot boxes.
- **PS 34/31 Telenesti, Nucareni.** The camcorder has not been working since the preparation of the PS for opening. A statement of fact is to be drawn up.

**Unjustifiable presence of unauthorized persons within the PS or within 100 m of the PS – 1 case.**

- **PS 1/111 Chisinau, Buiucani Dist.** There are 2 persons in the PS that have no accreditation / registration documents.

**Undistributed ballot papers are not kept in a safe place inside the polling station – 1 case.**

- **PS 26/02 Rezina.** Ballot papers are not kept in a safe place within the PS. They are stored in a visible place within the reach of any voter.

**Deficiencies in the voters' lists (discrepancies between addresses; deceased voters on the list; signatures affixed by other people) – 3 cases.**

- **PS 1/56, Chisinau, Botanica Dist.** According to SIAS Elections System, a voter was assigned to another PS,

however he was on the voters' lists of the PS 1/56.

- **PS 1/142, Chisinau, Center Dist.** At 07:23, SIAS operators introduced into the system the data of a voter, they could not find the voter on the lists and he was denied the right to vote.
- **PS 1/298 Chisinau, Gratiesti.** One voter found a mistake in the voters' lists. The date of birth on the list did not coincide with the date of birth on the identity card.

#### **Other – 1 case**

- **PS 7/43, Cahul, Iujnoe.** The light was disconnected in the period between 06:45 and 07:10. PEB members opened the PS using flash lights. The problem was remedied by the employees of Union

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