

# International Day of Elections

Each year on 2 February Moldova celebrates the International Day of Elections. The initiative to establish an International Day of Elections was launched at The Conference of Global Election Officials held between 14 and 17 September 2005 in Hungary. The representatives of electoral bodies established the first Thursday of February as The International Day of Elections due to the fact that most of the international agreements in the field were signed this time of year.

The Promo-LEX Association expresses sincere thanks for the activism of Moldovan citizens and the responsibility they showed over the years while exercising the voting rights, as well as to the civil society for the active promotion of free and fair elections' principles, for encouraging activism and civic participation in the framework of national and local elections inclusively.

The Association points out that the positive evolution of the nature of elections in the country is due to the efforts of all actors involved in the electoral processes. It highly appreciates the efforts of the Central Electoral Commission members and its apparatus, of the central and local public authorities and of all voters who participate in elections, as well as of the whole civil society.

Promo-LEX expresses sincere thanks to all national observers of the national monitoring efforts performed by the Association in recent years. Thanks to their personal performance, they contributed significantly to the promotion of free and fair elections. The Association firmly believes that the impartiality, non-partisanship and good faith of Promo-LEX's observers were and will be the catalyst of an active and fair competition and of a balanced behavior of

electoral management bodies.

At the same time, Promo-LEX reminds about the need of continuing the efforts to ensure democratic principles in the electoral process in Moldova. In this context, Promo-LEX calls on the authorities and policy makers to consider the recommendations made by the Association in the monitoring reports of the latest national and local elections.

The Promo-LEX Association reaffirms its commitment to democratic values and reconfirms its intention and willingness to actively contribute to the ongoing monitoring of all electoral processes in Moldova, as well as other processes directly and indirectly related to elections. Certainly, joint and combined efforts of all actors beginning from voters, observers, electoral officials, candidates and other authorities involved in the process, will lead to the strengthening of a genuine democracy in Moldova.

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