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**CONGRATULATION MESSAGE
Of the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania
on the occasion of the Global Elections Day**

On the 1st of February 2018, we celebrate the Global Election Day. On this day, everyone around the world is celebrating the freedom of expression by democratic elections.

On this occasion, the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania congratulates its international partners – the election management bodies around the world, all international organizations involved in organizing conducting and/or monitoring elections – and citizens. We would like to express our best wishes for peace and prosperity.

Elections represent the heart of democracy; the only legitimate instrument to establish legitimate governments and to oversee their activity. In addition, elections are a test of democracy that may increase the credibility of a country in its relationships with foreign partners.

The Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania highly appreciates the fruitful relationships established among our institutions, oriented to guarantee the rights to elect and be elected to every citizen, according to international standards and best practices. We would like to express our desire that our good collaboration will continue to strengthen.

Yours faithfully,

The Chairperson

Laura Matjošaitytė