

Report of Central Election Commission for Parliamentary Elections

May 21, 2008



**Activities Performed by the Administrative Department during 21 May, 2008
Parliamentary Elections Period**

60 parties applied to the CEC for participation in 2008 Parliamentary of Georgian Elections.

Of those, 15 parties had a representative at the Parliament of Georgia as of the date of appointing of elections.

1. Political Union “Georgian Traditionalists’ Union”
2. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
3. Conservative Party of Georgia
4. Political Union of Citizens “Movement for United Georgia”
5. Republican Party of Georgia
6. Political Union of Citizens – Movement “Industry will Save Georgia”
7. Political Union of Citizens “Christian-Democratic Movement”
8. Political Union “New Rights”
9. Labor Party of Georgia
10. Political Union “United National Movement”
11. Women’s Party of Georgia “For Justice and Equality”
12. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”
13. Political Union “the National Forum”
14. Political Union “Ertoba (Unity)”
15. Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)”

31 parties presented the lists of supporters, while 14 did not present the lists.

After the checking of election documents and the lists of supporters, 37 parties were denied to registration.

23 parties were registered.

3 election Blocs were established from 23 registered parties.

The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)

Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party

Rights’ Alliance – Topadze – Industrials

And 9 parties participated in elections independently:

“Radical-Democrats National Party of All Georgia”

Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”

Political Union “Christian-Democratic Alliance” (CDA)

Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”

Republican Party of Georgia

Political Union “Union of Sportsmen”

“Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats”

“Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”

United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia

Registered Parties and Blocs nominated 434 majoritarian candidates at all election districts of Georgia.

The Department prepared 24 forms of election documents, including summarizing protocols, forms of voters’ lists and cards, texts of proportional and majoritarian ballot papers.

Additionally, various election forms, namely, voters’ lists, voter’s card, ballot paper, summarizing protocols were translated and published in Armenian, Azeri, Russian and Ossetian languages for ethnic minorities settled in Georgia.

From the day of appointing of election the Department prepared and held 30 CEC Sessions, prepared 487 Orders and 28 Decrees.

Report of Activities Performed by the Legal Department during Parliamentary Elections, May 21, 2008

Pursuant to the Order # 196 of March 21, 2008 of Mikhail Saakashvili, President of Georgia, commensurate with Article 104¹ (3) of Constitution of Georgia, Parliamentary Elections of Georgia were appointed for May 21, 2008.

From the date of appointing of elections, the Legal Department, in addition to basic activities prescribed by the Central Election Commission of Georgia Regulations and the Charter of the Legal Department, performed the following activities:

28 Decrees and 487 Orders were adopted on the basis of draft legal acts prepared by the Legal Department.

Three compilations of legal acts adopted by the CEC during Parliamentary Elections were published. The fourth compilation is presently being prepared for publication. The compilations were distributed free of charge to all election subjects, observer organizations, subordinated election commissions and Courts, as well as other interested parties.

Legal advice was provided for all levels of election commissions, to observer organizations, election subjects, state and local self-government authorities and voters.

On March 23, through the Order # 104/2008 the schedule of election activities for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 prepared by the Legal Department was approved.

According to the draft prepared by the Legal Department, through the CEC Order # 7/2008 the rules for participation and use of state and non-state mass media during the elections process were approved.

Through CEC Decrees N8/2008, N9/2008, N10/2008 and N17/2008 amendments to the Regulations of the Central Election Commission, district and precinct election commissions were approved.

The Decrees N11/2008, N14/2008, N15/2008, N16/2008, N17/2008, N19/2008, N20/2008, N21/2008, N24/2008, N26/2008, N27/2008, N29/2008, N30/2008, N31/2008, N33/2008 set forth certain election activities and new timeframes for their realization, additionally, these orders fixed a number of legal collisions caused by technical gaps in the Election Code of Georgia.

Through the Decrees N12/2008, N13/2008, N25/2008, and N34/2008, jointly with the Financial-Economic Department the rules of allocation and use of funds needed for elections were established and amendments were made in them.

On April 15, the meeting with the legal expert of the OSCE Office for the Democratic Institutions and Human Rights' Observer Mission was held. The topics of discussion were new timeframes and rules for the submission, review and appealing of an application/complaint at the Election Administration, deadlines and the rule of compilation of administrative violations report

and its forwarding to the Court, discovery and elimination of deficiencies in a complaint. Additionally, the rule for the issuance of a precinct election commission order was discussed.

On April 16, regulations for the submission and review of election administration application/complaint, was prepared; they were approved through the Decree N22/2008, and later an addition and amendment were made through the Decrees N28/2008, N32/2008.

On April 16, jointly with IFES, UNDP and Trainings and Development Office, Guidelines for precinct election commission members were developed. The Guidelines were approved through the Decree N23/2008.

According to the Order # 105/2008 of March 25, 2008, a financial monitoring group oriented at monitoring of accounts of funds used by election subjects for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 was established. Through the support of the Legal Department the group prepared and represented regulation that was approved through the Order # 153/2008.

Through active participation of the Legal Department a joint memorandum among the Central Election Commission of Georgia, New Generation – New Initiative, International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy, Young Lawyers’ Association and Transparency International – Georgia was signed on April 17, 2008. The memorandum established the rules for participation in pre-election agitation, use of administrative resources and for participation in pre-election agitation by an official; the signatory organizations established a joint strategy and operational rules in relation to the issues set forth in the Memorandum.

On the initiative of the Legal Department, field trainings for chairs of district election commissions and lawyers were held on 18-19 April in Bakuriani. Training topics were: authority of district election commission and its chairperson, registration of an application/complaint, deadline and rule of appealing, compilation of administrative violations protocol, use of administrative resources, video-monitoring and the rule of viewing of a video recording.

On May 3, the Legal Department participated in meetings with NGOs, representatives of election subjects and press and other mass media. The topics of the meetings were: Rights’ and duties of representatives of election subjects, press and other mass media representatives during the elections period, deadlines and rule of registration and accreditation, rules for viewing of video monitoring record, compilation of administrative violations protocol, for the concept of a qualified election subject and for recognition as a qualified election subject, as well as the rules for placement of free and paid political advertisements and for carrying out of a pre-election campaign (agitation); the meeting was also attended by the representatives of local observer organizations, who were also provided detailed information as to their Rights’ and duties prescribed by the elections legislation.

To ensure timely provision of information and advice during the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008, a hotline was established for voters of Georgia and other interested persons. The CEC Legal Department held trainings for hotline operators and lawyers twice on the topic of the deadlines and rule of reviewing election disputes. The department provided legal advice to hotline operators and lawyers during May 17-20.

It is to be noted that the Department prepared and distributed to the participants respective handouts and guidelines for this as well as all of the above-mentioned seminars and trainings.

On May 7, through the collaboration with the European Commission for Democracy (Venice Commission) and Young Lawyers Association, and the support of the European Council Georgia Office a working meeting was held at Courtyard Marriott. The CEC Legal Department was invited to this meeting. The meeting was mainly of information-exchange character, and the discussion topic was the rule and deadlines of appealing of decisions and summarizing protocols adopted by Election Commissions.

On May 10-11, a meeting-seminar was held at the hotel GTM for the representatives of press and other mass media from Kvemo Kartli. The Legal Department held the seminar on the topics of: Rights' and duties of press and other mass media representatives during the elections period, timeframes and rules of accreditation, rule of viewing of a video recording, the concept of a qualified election subject and the rule of recognition as a qualified election subject, rule of placing of free and paid political advertisements, carrying out of a pre-election campaign (agitation). Additionally, a working meeting was held with non-governmental organizations on the topic of "Carrying out and observing elections: Rights' and obligations of national observers".

To ensure timely discovery and further response to violations during the elections process by persons authorized to be present in a polling station, the Legal Department elaborated 4 forms for compilation of an application/complaint for violations of a voting procedure, vote counting and procedure of summarizing of voting results at polling station; the forms were approved through the Order #425/2008.

Due to the possibility of more cases of violation of election legislation at relatively large districts requiring more legal assistance, the districts were divided into 6 categories according to size and commensurate with the Order # 101/2008 district election commissions were given the permission to hire additional support staff, or to have more than one lawyer.

Along with the above-mentioned legal acts, the Legal Department prepared 110 draft Orders, according to which 37 local observer organizations, 63 international observer organizations were registered, and 18 local observer organizations were refused registration due to the non-conformity of registration documents with the law. Three observer organizations were advised on the deficiencies and were registered after fixing the documents. Additionally, subsequent to registration at the CEC, local, as well as international observer organizations were provided the possibility to perform observation throughout Georgia.

For the violation of Elections legislation, the Central Election Commission of Georgia made the following actions at the CEC Session of 25th May 2008:

1. Measure of disciplinary responsibility envisaged by Georgian legislation was applied against Akaki Khuskivadze, Chair of # 3 Saburtalo District Election Commission.
2. Disciplinary measure envisaged by Georgian legislation was applied against Dimitri Ormotsadze, Chair of # 10 Gldani District Election Commission.
3. A rebuke was given to Avtandil Osepaishvili, Chair of # 59 Kutaisi District Election Commission.

Central Election Commission of Georgia sent to investigation authorities the Application of May 1, 2008 by Besarion Donadze, CEC representative at # 5 Isani District Election Commission.

Central Election Commission of Georgia has not submitted any complaint to Court.

The following measures were taken by district election commissions in response to the violation of election legislation during Parliamentary Elections:

1. # 61 Lanchkhuti Election Commission compiled two administrative violations protocol against district and precinct commission members, based on which Lanchkhuti District Court imposed a fine on a member of # 61 Lanchkhuti District Election Commission, as well as on a member of # 8 Atsani Precinct Election Commission.
2. # 53 Vani District Election Commission submitted an appeal to Vani District Court demanding early termination of authority for the Chair of Vani Sakrebulo (Council), which was not satisfied by the Court.
3. # 12 Gurjaani District Election Commission compiled administrative violations protocol, pursuant to which chair and secretary of # 6 Gurjaani Precinct Election Commission and chair and secretary of # 15 Precinct Election commission were fined.
4. # 23 Bolnisi District Election Commission filed an application to Bolnisi District Police on the fact of disappearing of a stamp at # 5 and #48 Precincts.
5. # 64 Senaki District Election Commission carried out measures envisaged by Election Code against # 23 Precinct Election Commission Chair and Secretary, for making a correction of information in a summarizing protocol.
6. # 17 Telavi District Election Commission reproached the chairs of # 10, #28, #50 Precinct Election Commissions due to the refusal to accept the complaints from observers.
Administrative violations protocols were compiled against # 5 and # 54 Precinct Election Commission Chairs, although Telavi District Court did not fine them.
7. # 107 Precinct Election Commission member of # 10 Gldani DEC voted at # 107 precinct, as well as at # 110 precinct, # 10 Gldani District Election Commission applied to the Prosecutor's Office for taking action on the above fact.
8. # 79 Batumi District Election Commission carried out various measures of responsibility envisaged by law for the violation of election legislation against all members of # 53 Precinct Election Commission, Chair and member of # 66 PEC, as well as Chair and a Secretary of # 75 PEC.

Due to the decisions and actions of the Central Election Commission of Georgia from the date of appointing Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 to the end of the elections a total of 50 administrative proceedings cases were adjudicated at Courts.

Appellants were the following: parties/representatives, NGOs and election Blocs:

Case #1

Appellant: Political Union “Christian-Democratic Alliance” (CDA)

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: On April 4, 2008 Giorgi Kobakhidze, Chair of the Political Union Christian-Democratic Alliance submitted a complaint to the Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber demanding annulment of the Central Election Commission of Georgia Order #233/2008 of 3 April on the “Refusal to Register the Party and its representatives for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008” and the settlement of election registration of the Party through the Court ruling.

The decision of the Tbilisi City Court of April 5, 2008: Appellant’s Case was partially satisfied.

Case #2

Appellant: Merab Kostava Society

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: On April 4, 2008 Maka Gogokhia, representative of Merab Kostava Society submitted a complaint to Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber demanding annulment of the CEC Order #217/2008 of April 3, 2008 “on the Refusal to register the Party and its representatives for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008” and the charging of the CEC to register Merab Kostava Society for 21st May 2008 Parliamentary Elections.

Tbilisi City Court Decision April 5, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #3

Appellant: Mamuka Gobechia, representative of the Political Union “Democratic Centre”

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: On April 6, 2008 Mamuka Koebechia, representative of the Political Union “Democratic Center” submitted a complaint to the Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber demanding annulment of the Central Election Commission Order #250/2008 of 5 April 2008 on the “Refusal to Register the Party and its representative for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008” and charging of the CEC to register the Political Union “Democratic Centre” for elections.

Decision of the Tbilisi City Court of April 7, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #4

Appellant: Omar Mdivnishvili, representative of the Political Union “Advocates of Georgia”

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the CEC Order #253/2008 of April 5 , 2008 and charging the CEC to register the Political Union “Advocates of Georgia” for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 7, 2008: The complaint was left unexamined, since it was filed by an unauthorized person.

Case #5

Appellant: Kartlos Garibashvili, Leader of the Political Union “Advocates of Georgia”

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Acceptance of the complaint into consideration and annulment of the ruling made by Administrational Chamber of the Tbilisi City Court on 7th of April, 2008.

Decision of April 8, 2008 of Tbilisi City Court Private complaint by Kartlos Garibashvili, Leader of the Political Union “Advocates of Georgia” was not satisfied, since the claim for annulment of an appealed Order was filed by a person that, pursuant to the mentioned law, does not have such authority.

Case #6

Appellant: Political Union of Citizens “Party of Future”

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the Central Election Commission of Georgia Order #247/2008 of 5 April 2008 on the “Refusal to Register the Party and its representatives for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 and the charging of the respondent - Central Election Commission of Georgia to register the political Union of Georgia’s citizens “Party of Future” for participation in Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 7, 2008: Appellant’s complaint was not satisfied.

Case #7

Appellant: Party of Democratic Truth

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant's Case: Charge the Central Election Commission of Georgia to provide to the Democratic Truth Party with copies of the list of party supporters, which were counted and examined at the Central Election Commission of Georgia on April 4, 2008.

April 11, 2008 Decision of the Tbilisi City Court: Appellant's claim was not satisfied.

Case #8

Appellant: Election Bloc "Rights" Alliance, Topadze-Industrials"

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant's Case: Annulment of the Central Election Commission of Georgia Administrative Act #01-01/668 of April 11, 2008 and making amendments to the Central Election Commission Order #278/2008 10th of April 2008, on the Registration of the Election Bloc and its representative.

12 April 2008 Decision of the Tbilisi City Court: Appellant's claim was not satisfied.

Case #9

Appellant: Election Bloc "Rights" Alliance, Topadze-Industrials"

Adversary Party: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant's Case: Annulment of Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 12, 2008 and satisfying the claim by the virtue of a new decision.

The Appellant, indicating at the Appellate Chamber hearing that the parties have reached friendly settlement, rejected the appeal and demanded the termination of the proceeding. The CEC representative agreed to the appellant's motion.

Administrational Chamber of the Tbilisi Appellate Court terminated appeal proceeding.

Case #10

Appellant: Archil Ebravidze, representative of the Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)" at the Central Election Commission of Georgia

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant's Case: Partial annulment of the CEC session protocol of 12 April and charging CEC to open lists at #7 Marneuli, #1, #3 Bolnisi, #2, #22 Gori, #2 Zugdidi election precincts and count signatures in the lists, if the violations are confirmed, to remove from election process persons participating in these violations.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 15, 2008 Appellant's claim was not satisfied.

Case #11

Appellant: Kakha Kakhishvili, representative of the Political Union "United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia"

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties:

1. Radical-democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia "Our Country"
3. Political Union of Citizens "Georgian Politics"
4. "Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats"
5. Political Union "Union of Sportsmen of Georgia"
6. "Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia"
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union "Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)";
9. "Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women's Party"
10. "Rights' Alliance, Topadze-Industrials"

Appellant's Case: To charge the Central Election Commission of Georgia to adopt a Decree at the earliest session to establish the rule that defines participation of #86 Upper Abkhazia DEC voters in Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 through majoritarian system, thereby, considering a general problem (high mountainous region, etc), the voters of #86 Upper Abkhazia Election district will be regarded as the voters of #47 Mestia single-mandate Majoritarian Election District.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 17, 2008: The complaint was satisfied.

Case #12

Appellant: Nana Gvetadze, representative of the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia, Kakha Kakhishvili, representative of the Political Union “United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia”

Appellant’s Case: Charging the Central Election Commission of Georgia to issue a normative administrative-legal act (decree) and to annul 17 April 2008 Decision of Administrational Chamber of Tbilisi City Court.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of April 19, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #13

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia, Temur Charkviani, Archil Gegenava, Lasha Zhvania, Rusudan Kervalishvili, Giorgi Goguadze, Giorgi Asanidze, Petre Tsiskarishvili

Third Parties:

1. Radical-democrats Party of All Georgia
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”;
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-Democratic Alliance (CDA);
9. Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’);
10. Traditionalists – “Our Georgia and Women’s Party”;
11. “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze- Industrials”;
12. Kakha Kakhashvili, representative of “United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia”

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the Central Election Commission Order #318/2008 of April 20 2008 and recognition of the non-existence of the right to register candidates as election subjects

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 22, 2008 Claim was not satisfied

Case #14

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Private complaint by Georgian Young Lawyers Association on 22 April 2008 Ruling of Administrational Chamber of Tbilisi City Court was adjudicated without a verbal hearing.

Administrational Chamber of Tbilisi Appellate Court ruled: Private complaint by Georgian Young Lawyers Association to not be satisfied. Administrational Chamber of Tbilisi City Court ruling of 22 April 2008 on the given case remained unchanged.

Case #15

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: Lado Vardzelashvili, Zaza Gorozia, Levan Bezhashvili, Ramaz Nikoleishvili

Appellant's Case: Order #317/2008 of 20 April 2008 adopted by the Central Election Commission of Georgia to be annulled. Central Election Commission of Georgia to be charged to compile a law violation protocol on the fining of state governors, Lado Vardzelashvili, Levan Bezhashvili, Zaza Gorozia and Ramaz Nikoleishvili

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 22, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #16

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: Kakha Kakhishvili, representative of political union “United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia”

Third Parties: Lado Vardzelashvili, Zaza Gorozia, Levan Bezhashvili, Ramaz Nikoleishvili

Appellant's Case: Annulment of April 22, 2008 Decision of Administrational Chamber of Tbilisi City Court and annulment Order # 317/2008 adopted by the Central Election Commission of Georgia on April 20, 2008 through the adoption of a new decision. The Respondent - Central Election Commission of Georgia to be charged to compile a law violation protocol on the fining of state governors – Lado Vardzelashvili, Levan Bezhashvili, Zaza Gorozia and Ramaz Nikoleishvili. The respondent to be imposed the obligation to pay a state fee.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of April 24,2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #17

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association;

Respondent: United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia;

Third Party: Central Election Commission of Georgia;

Appellant's Case: Canceling of registration of election subject "United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia"

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 24, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #18

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association;

Adversary: United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia, Central Election Commission of Georgia;

Appellant's Case: April 24, 2008 Decision of Merab Lomidze, Judge of the Administrative Chamber of Tbilisi City Court on the case #3/990-08 to be annulled, and case to be returned to the Court of first instance for re-adjudication.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of April 26, 2008: 24 April 2008 Decision of Administrative Chamber of Tbilisi City Court on the Case #3/990-08 to remain in force. Georgian Young Lawyers Association was refused to satisfy the appeal.

Case #19

Appellant: Election Bloc «The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights')», Labor Party of Georgia, Republican Party of Georgia;

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia;

Third Party: Political Union "United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia";

Appellant's Case: Central Election Commission of Georgia Order #351/2008 of 24 April 2008 to be annulled.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 26, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #20

Appellants: Election Bloc «The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)', Republican Party of Georgia

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: Political Union “United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia”,

Appellant’s Case: Annulment Order #351/2008 adopted by the Central Election Commission of Georgia on April 24, 2008 and Decision made by Administrational Chamber of the Tbilisi City Court on 26th of April 2008.

Decision of the Tbilisi Appellate Court of April 28,2008

The complaint was not satisfied

Case #21

Appellant: Association “Center for Public Opinion Survey”

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of Order #347/2008 adopted by the Central Election Commission of Georgia on 24 April 2008 and charging the CEC to register Association “Center for Public Opinion Survey” as a local observer organization at all election districts for the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of April 27, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied

Case #22

Appellant: Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)"

Respondent: A. Osepaishvili, Chair of #59 Kutaisi District Election Commission;

Third Party: L. Tarkhnishvili, Chair of Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Order #462-2008 of 9 May 2008 of #59 Kutaisi DEC to be annulled and to charge the respondent to check Voters’ General list appealed by us, to inform the Central Election Commission of Georgia on the above mentioned and to make an appropriate modifications to the list.

Kutaisi City Court Decision of May 10, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #23

Appellant: Representatives of the Republican Party: Levan Gegeshidze - at #1 Mtatsminda DEC, Nana Burduli – at # 2 Vake DEC, Vladimer Sanikidze - at #3 Saburtalo DEC, Temur Giorgadze – at # 7 Chugureti DEC.

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case:

Orders #431/2008, #432/2008, #433/2008, #434/2008 adopted by the Central Election Commission on 2008 on the refusal to satisfy complaints to be annulled, also to be canceled Mtatsminda DEC Order # 97/2008 of May 6, 2008, Order #122/2008 of 6 May 2008 of #2 Vake DEC, #3 Saburtalo DEC Orders #120/05-2008, #121/05-2008, 119/05-2008 of 6 May 2008, #7 Chugureti DEC Orders #44/2008 (on the establishment of an election precinct on an exceptional basis).

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 10, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied

Case #24

Appellant: Election Bloc «The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’»

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties:

1. Radical-democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)”;
9. “Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”;
10. “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials”;
11. United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of Decision (Protocol Record) made by the CEC on May 8, 2008, charging to issue an administrative act and perform an action;

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 10, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #25

Appellant: Vazha Gudadze

Respondent: Republican Party of Georgia

Third Party: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant's Case: Annulment of Order #427/2008 adopted by the Central Election Commission of Georgia on May 8, 2008 and Decision #5/22 made by the Republican Party of Georgia on May 5, 2008 and the restoration of membership at Khashuri #35 DEC.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 11, 2008: The complaint was not satisfied.

Case #26

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Adversary: Emzar Gelashvili, Kareli District Majoritarian candidate

Third Party: #33 Kareli District Election Commission, Tamaz Lomidze, representative;

Third Party: Political Party United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia

Third Party: Central Election Commission of Georgia, Khashuri District Court Decision made on May 10, 2008;

Appellant's Case: Annulment of Decision made by Khashuri District Court on May 10, 2008 and canceling of election registration for Emzar Gelashvili, majoritarian deputy candidate of Khashuri district.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of May 13 , 2008: Appeal was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #27

Appellant: Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights')"

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant's Case: Annulment of the Protocol adopted by the CEC session #49 on May 11, 2008 in the part, pursuant to which the satisfaction of claim was rejected and for the CEC to charge Tbilisi Sakrebulo (council) to perform obligation envisioned by Article 75 (4) of the Organic

Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia to allocate stands or/and locations for placing election posters.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 13, 2008: Complaint was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #28

Appellant: Election Bloc «The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’）」, representative – Lasha Chichinadze;

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Party:

1. Radical-democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”, representative;
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”;
4. Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”;
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)”;
9. “Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party;”
10. “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze- Industrials”
11. United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the CEC Order #477/2008 adopted on May 13, 2008 “on the participation of #86 Upper Abkhazia DEC Voters in the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 to be held through the majoritarian system”

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 15, 2008: Complaint was not satisfied due to groundlessness

Case #29

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’）」

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia

Radical-democrats National Party of All Georgia, Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”, Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”, “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”, Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”, “Shalva Natelashvili– Labor Party of Georgia”; Republican Party of Georgia; Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)”; “Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”; “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the first instance Court decision and satisfaction of a complaint through a new decision.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of May 16, 2008 Administrational Chamber of the Tbilisi City Court decision dated 15 May 2008 on the given case was left unchanged.

Case #30

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Charging CEC to put forward an issue of establishing the rules and conditions for the placement of political advertisements at stands needed for pre-election agitation for voting and to issue a relevant individual administrative-legal act.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 15, 2008: Complaint was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #31

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of Decision made by the Administrational Chamber of Tbilisi City Court on May 15, 2008. Charging CEC to put forward an issue of establishing the rules and conditions for the placement of political advertisements at stands needed for pre-election agitation for voting and to issue a relevant individual administrative-legal act.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of May 16, 2008: Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber decision made on May 15, 2008 was left unaltered.

Case #32

Appellant: Labor Party of Georgia

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Party: Kakhaber Getsadze

Appellant's Case: Annulment of Order #465/2008 made by the Central Election Commission of Georgia on 13 May 2008

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 15, 2008: The complaint of the Labor Party of Georgia against the Respondent -- Central Election Commission of Georgia about annulment of the CEC Order #465/2008 made on May 13, 2008 was not satisfied.

Case #33

Appellant: Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights')"

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia

Appellant's Case: Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights')" demanded annulment of Decision (protocol of the meeting) made by the Central Election Commission of Georgia on May 16, 2008, additionally, demanded the Central Election Commission to issue a decree according to which a motion would be presented to the Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia for the Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia to undertake such organizational support that would allow the Appellants to entertain the right to appeal to Court in compliance with the deadline set forth in the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia and in Civil Procedural legislation. In the given case, the Appellant demands to charge the Central Election Commission of Georgia to immediately issue a normative administrative-legal act.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 18, 2008:

The complaint of the Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights')" was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #34

Appellant: Vakhtang Khmaladze and David Chichinadze, Georgian Young Lawyers Association, International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy, International Transparency;

Respondent: Giorgi Goguadze, Political Union United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia

Third Party: Central Election Commission of Georgia, #5 Isani DEC.

Complaint: Canceling registration of election subject -Giorgi Gogvadze.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 21, 2008:

Complaint that demanded to annul registration of election subject - Giorgi Gogvadze, was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #35

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”

Respondent: Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia

Third Party: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Appellant’s Case: Recognition of the right to apply to General Courts on election disputes within one calendar month—up to twenty-four hours;

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 21, 2008:

Complaint of the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” against the Respondent -- Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia and the third party – Central Election Commission of Georgia on the recognition of the right to apply to general Courts with regards to election disputes within one calendar day up to twenty-four hours was declared inadmissible and proceeding on the administrative case #3/1205-08 was terminated.

Case #36

Appellant: Election Bloc «The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”, representative -- Nana Gvetadze;

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: Representatives of “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats”: Avtandil Vakhtangishvili and Zaal Kadagishvili, Tinatin Tsereteli - representative of the Republican Party of Georgia at #10 Gldani DEC. Gela Jachvadze, representative of #10 Gldani DEC and Zviad Kukava, representative of the “United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia”

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the Central Election Commission Decision (Protocol record) made on May 25, 2008 and pursuant to Article 29 (1) (n) of the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia to charge the Central Election Commission to on own initiative examine the lawfulness of the Summarizing Protocol of # 97 PEC of #10 Gldani DEC and Order #070/2008 made by #10 Gldani Election District on May 23, 2008 and if infringement is ascertained, to cancel the results of voting at #97 Election Precinct, annulment of the summarizing protocol of #97 Election Precinct of #10 Gldani Election District and charging the

Central Election Commission to ensure the opening of video monitoring results of #97 Election Precinct of #10 Gldani Election District.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 27, 2008:

The complaint of the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” was not satisfied.

Case #37

Appellant: Avtandil Kakhniashvili, #1 Mtatsminda District Majoritarian Candidate;

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia; Vladimir Tsutskiridze, Chair of #1 Mtatsminda DEC.

Third Parties: Kakha Kakhishvili, representative of Archil Gegenava, majoritarian candidate of Mtatsminda DEC;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of Administrative acts – Order #115/2008 of #1 Mtatsminda DEC made on May 18, 2008, of the Central Election Commission letter #01-02/1231 of 21 May 2008 and performance of an action. Additionally, annulment of the District Election Commission summarizing protocol (in case such is received at Court prior to the review of the case).

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 28, 2008: Complaint was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #38

Appellant: Avtandil Kakhniashvili, majoritarian candidate of #1 Mtatsminda DEC

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia, #1 Mtatsminda DEC

Third Parties: Archil Gegenava, Ivliane Khaindrava, Gia Tortladze, majoritarian candidates at #1 Mtatsminda District Election Commission

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of Administrative acts- Order #115/2008 made by # 1 Mtatsminda DEC on May 18, 2008, letter #01-02/1231 adopted by the Central Election Commission on May 21, 2008 and performance of an action. Additionally, annulment of the summarizing protocol of the district election commission that is received at Court prior to the review of the case. Additionally, canceling decision of Administrational Chamber of Tbilisi City Court on May 28, 2008.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of May 30, 2008

Complaint of Avtandil Kakhniashvili, majoritarian candidate at #1 Mtatsminda DEC was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #39

Appellant: Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)"

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia;

Third Parties: Radical-Democrats Party of All Georgia, Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”, Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”, “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats”, Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”, “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”, Political Union “Christian-Democratic Alliance (CDA)”, Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’), Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”, “Rights’ Opposition, Topadze -- Industrials”, United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia; Maia Pirtskhalava, Chair of #64 Senaki DEC;

Appellant’s Case: Suspension of operation of the act issued by the CEC for #64 Senaki DEC and of the act in the part of the act issued in relation to the District and annulment of appealed decision;

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of May 30, 2008:

Complaint by Kakhaber Kardava, representative of the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” was not satisfied. Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber decision of 28 May 2008 remained unaltered.

Case #40

Appellant: Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)"

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of Central Election Commission of Georgia Order # 546/2008 of May 26, 2008 and charging the CEC to issue an administrative-legal act on the basis of the review of complaints;

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 29, 2008:

The complaint by the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” demanding annulment of the CEC Order # 546/2008 of 26 May 2008 and charging it to issue an a new administrative-legal act was not satisfied.

Case #41

Appellant: Dato Lortkipanidze, majoritarian candidate of # 53 Vani Election District from the party list of “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats”;

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia, #53 Vani District Election Commission;

Third Parties: Giorgi Ivanidze, Nana Mdevadze, Bezhan Khutsidze, Irakli Pkhaladze;

Appellant's Case: Annulment of the CEC Order # 550/2008 of 29 May 2008 and canceling of the summarizing protocol for May 21 2008 majoritarian elections at # 53 Vani DEC.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of May 30, 2008:

Due to groundlessness, the complaint by Dato Lortkipanidze, # 53 Vani Election District majoritarian candidate from party list of “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats” against the Central Election Commission of Georgia on the annulment of the Order #550/2008 of May 29, 2008 and the summarizing protocol of #53 Vani District Election Commission for May 21, 2008 majoritarian elections.

Case #42

Appellant: Dato Lortkipanidze, # 53 Vani Election District Majoritarian candidates from party list of “Goirgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”;

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia; # 53 Vani DEC;

Appellant's Case: Annulment of the CEC Order #550/2008 of 29 May 2008 and canceling of the summarizing protocol of # 53 Vani DEC.

Tbilisi Appellate Court decision of June 1, 2008: Tbilisi City Court decision of 30 May 2008 remained valid.

Case #43

Appellant: Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)"

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: Murtaz Zodelava, representative of the “National Movement – for Victorious Georgia”; Gela Jachvadze, representative of # 10 Gldani DEC.

Third Parties:

1. Radical-democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”;
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;

7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)”;
9. “Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”;
10. “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials” and Genadi Kvachantiradze, Giorgi Gugava, Giorgi Asanidze, Kakha Kukava, Vazha Kharashvili, Temur Gotsiridze, Mamuka Lomashvili – did not appear.

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the CEC Order of 31 May 2008 and of the summarizing protocol of 30 May 2008 adopted by #10 Gldani DEC for majoritarian and proportional election results and the performance of actions;

Tbilisi City Court Decision of June 2, 2008:

The complaint by the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #44

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia

Third Parties: Gela Jachvadze, Nino Kikalishvili, representatives of # 10 Gldani District Election Commission;

Third Parties: Genadi Kvachantiradze, Giorgi Gugava, Giorgi Asanidze, Kakha Kukava, Vazha Kharashvili, Temur Gotsiridze, Mamuka Lomashvili;

1. Radical-Democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats”
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance” (CDA)
9. “Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”;
10. “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials”;

11. United National Movement -- for Victorious Georgia, representative – Murtaz Zodelava;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of administrative legal acts;

Appealed decision – Decision of June 2, 2008 of Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of June 4, 2008: Appeal was not satisfied. Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber decision of June 2, 2008 remained unaltered.

Case #45

Appellant: Election Bloc the “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”, representative – Nikoloz Orvelashvili;

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia, representatives – Kakhaber Nareklishvili, Nana Odzelashvili; Sagarejo #11 DEC, Chair - Manana Barikhashvili, representative – Nikoloz Purtseladze;

Third Parties:

1. Radical-Democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-Democratic Alliance” (CDA);
9. Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party;
10. Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials
11. United National Movement - for Victorious Georgia, representative – Kakha Kakhishvili;

Alexi Arabuli, Zaza Gulikashvili, Nikoloz Orvelashvili, Koba Elerdashvili

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the CEC Order #555/2008 of May 31, 2008 and the summarizing protocol of #11 Sagarejo DEC for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of June 2, 2008:

The complaint by the Election Bloc the «The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #46

Appellant: Election Bloc the “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”, representative – Nana Gvetadze;

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia, representatives – Lado Karkashadze, Mevlud Kukhianidze, Kakhaber Nareklishvili;

Adversary: # 11 Sagarejo District Election Commission, Chair – Manana Barikhashvili, representative – Nikoloz Purtseladze;

Third Parties:

1. Radical-democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats;
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-Democratic Alliance (CDA)”;
9. Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”;
10. Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials;
11. National Movement – for Victorious Georgia;

Alexi Arabuli, Zaza Gulikashvili, Nikoloz Orvelashvili, Koba Elerdashvili;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of Decision made by Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber on June 2, 2008. Annulment of Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber decision of June 2, 2008 and canceling of Order #555/2008 adopted by the Central Election Commission of Georgia on May 31, 2008 and summarizing protocol of election results at #11 Sagarejo DEC, by making a new decision.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of June 4, 2008 Appeal by the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” was not satisfied; Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber decision of 2 June 2008 remained unaltered.

Case #47

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia, # 22 Marneuli DEC.

Third Parties:

1. Radical-Democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. “Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)”;
9. Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party;
10. “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials”
11. “National Movement – for Victorious Georgia”;

Bezhan Gunava, Arazan Babakishiev, Arzu Hasanov, Mtvarisa Naveriani, Kamil Aliev, Azer Suleimanov, Ali, Gasanov;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the CEC Order #556/2008 of 31 May 2008 and summarizing protocols adopted by #22 Marneuli DEC on 30 May 2008 for Parliamentary Elections May 21,2008 held through proportional and majoritarian system.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of June 2, 2008: Complaint by the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #48

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”, representative – Vakhtang Dvalishvili;

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia, Marneuli DEC, representative – Beso Nizharadze;

Third Parties:

1. Radical-Democrats National Party of All Georgia;
2. Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;
3. Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”
4. Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-democrats”
5. Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;
6. “Shalva Natelashvili – Labor Party of Georgia”;
7. Republican Party of Georgia;
8. Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance (CDA)”;
9. Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”;
10. “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials”
11. “National Movement – for Victorious Georgia”

Aleksii Arabuli, Zaza Gulikashvili, Nikoloz Orvelashvili

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the CEC Order #556/2008 adopted on May 31,2008 and summarizing protocols adopted by Marneuli DEC on May 30, 2008 for Parliamentary Elections held through proportional and majoritarian system.

Appealed Decision: Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber decision of June 2, 2008.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Decision of June 4, 2008: Appeal by the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)” was not satisfied; Tbilisi City Court Administrational Chamber decision of June 2, 2008 remained unaltered.

Case #49

Appellants: Labor Party of Georgia, Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)”, Avtandil Kakhniahvili, Mtatsminda Majoritarian candidate (Christian-democratic Alliance)

Respondent: Central Election Commission of Georgia;

Third Parties:

- Radical-Democrats National Party of All Georgia;
- Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;
- Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”

Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”;

Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance” (CDA);

Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party;

“Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials”

United National Movement - for Victorious Georgia, as well as majoritarian candidates participating in Parliamentary elections May 21, 2008;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of the CEC summarizing protocols election results dated 5 June 2008 for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008, precinct and district election commission summarizing protocols and charging the CEC to hold the second round of the Parliamentary Elections.

Tbilisi City Court Decision of June 7, 2008: Complaint by Labor Party of Georgia, Election Bloc «The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” and Avtandil Kakhniashvili was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Case #50

Appellant: Labor Party of Georgia, Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”, Mtatsminda majoritarian candidate (Christian-democratic Alliance, CDA), Avtandil Kakhniashvili;

Adversary: Central Election Commission of Georgia;

Third Parties:

Radical-democrats Party of All Georgia;

Political Party of Georgia “Our Country”;

Political Union of Citizens “Georgian Politics”

Political Union “Union of Sportsmen of Georgia”

Political Union “Christian-democratic Alliance” (CDA);

“Traditionalists – Our Georgia and Women’s Party”;

“Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials “

United National Movement - for Victorious Georgia, also majoritarian candidates participating in Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008;

Appellant’s Case: Annulment of summarizing protocols of election results dated June 5, 2008 of CEC for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008, of precinct and district election commission summarizing protocols and charging CEC to hold the second round of Parliamentary Elections.

Tbilisi Appellate Court Administrative Chamber decision of June 9, 2008: Tbilisi City Court Administrative Chamber decision of June 7, 2008 remained in force.

In accordance with all of the above-mentioned:

Christian-Democratic Alliance (CDA) submitted to Court 3 complaints, of these, 1 was satisfied partially, 2 were not satisfied.

Merab Kostava Society submitted Court with 1 complaint, of this 1 was not satisfied.

Political Union “Democratic Centre” submitted Court with 1 complaint, 1 was not satisfied.

Political Union “Lawyers of Georgia” submitted Court with 2 complaints, of these, 2 were not satisfied.

Political Union of Citizens “Party of Future” submitted Court with 1 complaint, of this, 1 was not satisfied.

Party of Democratic Truth submitted to Court 1 complaint, of this, 1 was not satisfied.

Election Bloc “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials” submitted to Court 2 complaints, of these 1 was satisfied, 1 was not satisfied.

Political Union “United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia” submitted to Court 1 complaint, of this, 1 was satisfied.

“Center for Public Opinion Survey” submitted to Court 1 complaint, of this 1 was not satisfied.

Party “Freedom” submitted to Court 2 complaints, of these, 2 complaints was not satisfied.

Vazha Gudadze, member of #35 Khashuri District Election Commission submitted to Court 1 complaint, of this, 1 was not satisfied.

Georgian Young Lawyers Association submitted to Court 8 complaints, of these, 8 complaints was not satisfied.

Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)” submitted to Court 23 complaints, of these, 23 was not satisfied.

“Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats” submitted to Court 2 complaints, of these, 2 were not satisfied.

Republican Party of Georgia submitted to Court 3 complaints, of these, 3 complaints was not satisfied.

Labor Party of Georgia submitted to Court 4 complaints, of these, 4 complaints was not satisfied.

International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy submitted to Court 1 complaint, of this, 1 was not satisfied.

Transparency International Georgia submitted to Court 1 complaint, of this, 1 was not satisfied.

From the date of appointing of Parliamentary Elections to their completion 50 applications/complaints were submitted to the Central Election Commission of Georgia by parties, non-governmental organizations, representatives of parties and others.

Complaint #1

Date: April 18, 2008

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Essence of the Complaint: Demands the CEC, as a competent body to recognize the violation of the provisions of Article 98 (4) (f) and Article 73 (9) (a) of the Election Code by representatives of United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia. Respectively, demands the CEC to recognize the absence of the right of registration of representatives of the United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia as candidates for the membership of parliament, due to the violation of the requirements of the Law, pursuant to Election Code.

Date of the CEC Session: CEC Session of 20 April 2008

The CEC Decision: According to the recommendation of the CEC Legal Issues Department, the above-mentioned complaint was reviewed at the CEC session on April 20, 2008. On the basis of the review it was established that the CEC is not authorized to recognize the absence of the right to register the above-mentioned people's registration as candidates for members of parliament, without the presence of a respective Court enforceable decision on the above issue. Respectively, the appellant was denied and their claim was not satisfied, on the basis of the Order # 318/2008 of the Central Election Commission of Georgia.

Complaint #2

Date: 18 April, 2008

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Essence of the Complaint: CEC to compile a law violation protocol against Lado Vardzelashvili, Shida Kartli Governor, Zaza Gorozia, Samegrelo-Upper Svaneti Governor, Levan Bezhashvili, Kakheti Governor and Ramaz Nikoleishvili, Guria Governor, and to charge these governors responsibility envisioned by law.

CEC Session Date: CEC Session of 20 April 2008

CEC Decision: On the basis of the CEC Legal Department conclusion, CEC reviewed the mentioned application at the session on April 20, 2008, on the basis of the Central Election Commission of Georgia Order #317/2008 it was rejected due to groundlessness and the appellant's claim was not satisfied.

Complaint #3

Date: April 27, 2008

Appellant: Robert Khurashvili, representative of Election Bloc “Rights’ Alliance, Topadze-Industrials” at #69 Chkhorotskhu District Election Commission.

Essence of the Complaint: Annulment of Orders #12/2008, #14/2008, 15/2008, #17/2008 of 26 April 2008 adopted by #69 Chkhorotskhu DEC and taking measures envisaged by law against the above-mentioned DEC chair.

Date of the CEC Session: CEC Session of 27 April 2008

CEC Decision: The complaint was left unexamined in the part of annulment of # 69 Chkhorotskhu District Election Commission Orders #12/2008, #14/2008, 15/2008, #17/2008 of 26 April 2008, since, according to legislation, an unauthorized person had submitted the complaint to CEC, and in the part of taking measures against District Chair it was not satisfied due to groundlessness. Above mentioned was adopted by the CEC session on April 27, 2008 the Order #373/2008.

Complaint #4

Date: May 1, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”

Essence of the Complaint: Annulment Order #16/2008 concerning of the “Refusal to register a majoritarian candidate for the Parliamentary membership” adopted by #39 Aspindza DEC on May 2, 2008

Date of CEC Session: CEC Session of 2 May, 2008

CEC Decision: Complaint was satisfied, it was reviewed at the CEC session May 2 ,2008 and on the basis of the CEC Legal Department conclusion, the Order #16/2008 of 2 May 2008 adopted by #39 Aspindza DEC on “the Refusal to register a majoritarian candidate for the Parliamentary membership”, since the above-mentioned Order was issued in violation of requirements of the CEC Decree #19/2008 of April 6, 2008 and the provisions of Article 98 (2) of the Election Code.

Complaint #5

Date: May 1, 2008

Appellant: Besarion Donadze, the CEC representative at #5 Isani DEC

Essence of the Complaint: According to the Complaint, on May 1 Isani District majoritarian candidate- Zviad Dzidziguri violated law at #34 PEC of #5 Isani DEC

Date of the CEC Session: CEC session of May 2, 2008

CEC Decision: By virtue of the decision taken at the CEC session, the complaint was forwarded to investigation authorities for further action.

Complaint #6

Date: May 1, 2008

Appellant: Magdana Mushkudiani, member of #5 Isani DEC

Essence of the Complaint: According to the complaint, Besarion Donadze, the CEC representative at #5 Isani DEC rudely interfered in Magdana Mushkudiani's conversation and inflicted verbal assault to her; the complaint demanded response to the mentioned fact.

Date of CEC Session: CEC Session of 3 May, 2008

CEC Decision: The complaint was taken into consideration, but with the objective of response measure, it was determined to invite Magdana Mushkudiani and Besarion Donadze to the CEC and provide explanations to them with regards to the authorities of a member of election commission and CEC representative.

Complaint #7

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Essence of the Complaint: Annulment of Letter #03-01-975 adopted on May 1, 2008 of the CEC person responsible for public information and the provision of public information.

Date of CEC Session: CEC session of 8 May 2008

CEC Decision: The Complaint was reviewed at the CEC session and the Letter #03-01/975 of 1 May 2008 of the CEC person responsible for public information, and the person in charge of public information was tasked to issue demanded election documents within the timeframes established by law (Order #437/2008).

Complaint #8

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Malkhaz Kveseishvili, Head of the Election Headquarter of Mirza Suknishvili, Kobuleti Majoritarian candidate from the Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)"

Essence of the Complaint: According to the complaint, the Appellant presented lists for substitution of the PEC at #81 Kobuleti DEC. Substitution lists of parties – “Conservative” and “New Rights” were registered, while substitution lists of Political Movement “Freedom” Election District refused registration. Author of the Complaint demands reacting on the above-mentioned fact.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 8, 2008

CEC Decision: the CEC has left the complaint unexamined, since it was submitted to the CEC by an unauthorized person (Order #438/2008). According to the Article 29 (1) (c) of the Election Code of Georgia, Nino Gogvadze, the CEC member demanded placing of the issue on the examination of the Complaint for voting. Levan Tarkhnishvili, Chair of the CEC put the issue forward for voting and as a result of voting it was examined. During the review Commissioner Nino Gogvadze offered to the Commission to invite #81 Kobuleti DEC members and the author of the complaint at the CEC Session and interview them. Commission Chair put the issue forward for voting, the suggestion was not accepted.

Complaint #9

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Zurab Bregvadze, representative from Republican Party of Georgia at #2 Vake DEC

Essence of the Complaint: According to the Complaint, through the Order #122/2008 of #72 PEC of # 2 Vake DEC was established on an exceptional basis. The creation of the election precinct was based on Article 16 (3) of the Election Code. In the opinion of the Author of complaint, Order #122/2008 of #2 Vake DEC is against the law, since the establishment of precincts on an exceptional basis envisaged under Article 16 (3) of the Election Code of Georgia does not apply to the Ministry of Internal Affairs staff and the Order is to be annulled.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 8, 2008

CEC Decision: on May 8, 2008, at the Session the CEC reviewed the complaint and ruled that the Order #122/2008 of May 6, 2008 issued by #2 Vake DEC does not conflict with Georgian legislation in force. On the basis of Article 29 (1) (u) and Article 77 (5) of the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia, CEC reviewed the complaint at the Session and did not satisfy it due to its groundlessness.

Complaint #10

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Temur Giorgadze, Republican Party of Georgia representative at #7 Chughureti DEC

Essence of the Complaint: According to the Complaint, by virtue of the Orders #44/2008, #45/2008 of #7 Chughureti DEC two election precincts were established on an exceptional basis. The establishment of election precincts was based on Article 16 (3) of Election Code of Georgia. According to the author of the complaint, Orders #44/2008, #45/2008 of #7 Chughureti DEC conflict with the Law, since the establishment of precincts on an exceptional basis envisaged under Article 16 (3) of the Election Code do not apply to the staff of the Ministry of Interior and the Order should be annulled.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 8, 2008

CEC Decision: On May 8, 2008, at the session , the CEC reviewed the complaint and ruled that Orders#44/2008 and #45/2008 adopted on May 6, 2008 by #7 Chughureti DEC do not conflict with Georgian legislation in force. According to the Article 29 (1) (u) and Article 77 (5) of the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia, the CEC reviewed the complaint at the Session and it was not satisfied due to groundlessness.

Complaint #11

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Levan Gegeshidze, representative of the Republican Party at #1 Mtatsminda DEC

Essence of the Complaint: According to the Complaint, through the Order #97/2008 dated with May 6, 2008 adopted by #1 Mtatsminda DEC, three election precincts were established on an exceptional basis. The formation of election precinct was based on Article 16 (3) of the Election Code. In the opinion of the author of the complaint, Order #97/2008 of #1 Mtatsminda DEC conflicts with the law, since the establishment of precincts on an exceptional basis envisioned under Article 16 (3) of the Election Code does not apply to the employees of the Internal Affairs Ministry and the Order should be annulled.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 8, 2008

CEC Decision: On May 8, 2008 at the session the CEC reviewed the complaint and determined that the Order #97/2008 adopted on 6 May 2008 by #1 Mtatsminda DEC does not conflict with Georgian legislation in force. According to the Organic Law on the Election Code of Georgia Article 29 (1) (u) and Article 77 (5), the Central Election Commission of Georgia reviewed the complaint at the Session and did not satisfy it due to groundlessness by virtue of the Order #434/2008

Complaint #12

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Levan Gegeshidze, Representative of Republican of Georgia at #3 Saburtalo DEC

Essence of the Complaint: According to the Complaint, on May 6, 2008, three election precincts were formed on an exceptional basis, by virtue of #3 Saburtalo DEC Orders #121/05-2008, #120/05-2008 and #119/05-2008. The election precincts were established on the basis of Article 16 (3) of the Election Code of Georgia. In the opinion of the author of complaint, Orders #121/05-2008, #120/05-2008 and #119/05-2008 of #3 Saburtalo DEC conflict with the law, since the establishment of precincts on an exceptional basis does not apply to the Internal Affairs Ministry employees and should be annulled. The author of the complaint also states that according to the Article 15 (6) of the Election Code, the Central Election Commission establishes boundaries, names and numbers of election districts. While, according to the Article 16, Saburtalo DEC has the right to establish election districts within the boundaries that are established by the CEC for the Saburtalo DEC. According to the appealed Order # 84, election precinct was established at Korneli Chaladze # 1. The indicated street does not fall within the boundaries of #3 Saburtalo District Election Commission, which is confirmed by an Appendix to the Internal Affairs Ministry Letter #4/19-4863 of 19/12/2007, which states that Korneli Chaldaze Street is situated in 2nd Quarter in Dighomi Massive. The same is confirmed by the letter of 2007 of Didube-Chugureti District Administration.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 8, 2008

CEC Decision: On May 8, 2008 at the session, the CEC reviewed the complaint and ruled that the Orders #121/05-2008, #120/05-2008 and #119/05-2008 adopted on May 6, 2008 by # 3 Saburtalo DEC do not conflict with Georgian legislation in force. According to the Article 29 (1) (u) and Article 77 (5) of the Organic Law on the Election Code of Georgia, the Central Election Commission reviewed the complaint at the Session and it was not satisfied due to its groundlessness.

Complaint #13

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Nugzar Nachkhebia, representative of the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” at #10 Gldani District Election Commission.

Essence of the Complaint: Annulment of the Order #044/2008 of #10 Gldani District Election Commission and charging #10 District to react to the inaccuracies identified in the voters’ list by the Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)”.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 8, 2008

CEC Decision: the CEC left the complaint unexamined, since it was submitted to the CEC by an unauthorized person (Order #435/2008). CEC member Nino Gogvadze, according to Article 29 (1) (c) of the Election Code, demanded the placing of the issue of review of a complaint for voting. Chair Levan Tarknishvili placed the issue for voting and as a result of voting the complaint was reviewed at the session. As a result of the review the Order #044/2008 adopted by #10 Gldani DEC was annulled and the voters' lists sent to the CEC, according to the Order #044/2008 to #10 Gldani District Election Commission were returned for examination and decision.

Complaint #14

Date: May 7, 2008

Appellant: Zurab Marakvelidze, the CEC member

Essence of the Complaint: CEC to review the Complaint by Teimuraz Khurashvili, representative of Republican Party at #79 Batumi DEC

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 8, 2008

CEC Decision: The complaint was left unexamined at the CEC Session since it was submitted to the CEC in violation of the timeframe of appealing (Order #439/2008)., According to the Article 29 (1) (c) of the Election Code, CEC member Zurab Marakvelidze demanded to place the issue on the review of the complaint for voting. Chair Levan Tarkhnishvili placed the issue for voting and as a result of voting the complaint was reviewed at the session. Complaint of Teimuraz Khurashvili was not satisfied due to its groundlessness (Order #440/2008).

Complaint #15

Date: May 9, 2008

Appellant: Levan Terashvili, representative of the Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)" at # 9 Nadzaladevi District Election Commission.

Essence of the Complaint: Demanding Annulment of Order #29/2008 of May 8, 2008 of # 9 Nadzaladevi District Election Commission. By virtue of the appealed act, #9 Nadzaladevi District Election commission registered 174 servicemen of the Ministry of Interior deployed on the territory adjacent to Tbilisi Sea at # 94 Election precinct. According to the Author of the Complaint, according to the Article 16 (3) of the Organic Law on the Election Code of Georgia, #9 Dadzaladevi District Election Commission was obligated to establish within the timeframes prescribed by law an election precinct on an exceptional basis for 174 MIA employees deployed in the area adjacent to Tbilisi Sea, instead of registering military servicemen at the nearest election precinct.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 10, 2008

CEC Decision: After the CEC reviewed the claim at the session, the claim the complaint was satisfied, since the District Election Commission had to establish election precinct on an exceptional basis within the timeframes prescribed by the law, instead of the registering military servicemen at the nearest election precinct. Based on this, the CEC annulled Order #29/2008 adopted by #9 Nadzaladevi DEC.

Complaint #16

Date: May 9, 2008

Appellant: Shorena Mosiashvili, representative of the Republican Party at #9 Nadzaladevi DEC

Essence of the Complaint: Annulment of Order #29/2008 adopted by #9 Nadzaladevi DEC on May 8 2008. Through the appealed act # 9 Nadzaladevi District Election Commission registered 174 MIA servicemen deployed on the territory adjacent to Tbilisi Sea at #94 PEC. According to the Author of the Complaint, pursuant to Article 16 (3) of the Organic Law on the Election Code of Georgia, # 9 Nadzaladevi District Election Commission had to establish election precinct on an exceptional basis within the timeframes prescribed by the legislation for 174 MIA employees dislocated on the territory adjacent to Tbilisi Sea in Tbilisi, instead of registering military servicemen at the nearest election precinct.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 10, 2008

CEC Decision: As a result of review at the CEC Session, the appellant's claim was satisfied, since the DEC had to establish election precinct on an exceptional basis within the timeframes prescribed by legislation, instead of registering the military servicemen at the nearest election precinct. On the basis of this, CEC annulled Order #29/2008 adopted by #9 Nadzaladevi DEC.

Complaint #17

Date: May 12, 2008

Appellant: Levan Terashvili, representative of Election Bloc "The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)" at #9 Nadzaladevi District Election Commission

Essence of the Complaint: The Appellant explains that on May 5, 2008 at Tbilisi St. Dadiani Avenue City Lighting Service employees tore down agitation posters of Eka Beselia, Parliamentary majoritarian deputy candidate at # 9 Election District, which represents administrative violation. The complaint demands annulment of Order #32/2008 adopted by # 9 Nadzaladevi DEC and according to the Article 174⁹ of Administrative Violations Code charging #9 Nadzaladevi DEC to compile administrative violation protocol.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 13, 2008

CEC Decision: The complaint was reviewed at the Session and was not satisfied due to its groundlessness (Order #466/2008).

Complaint #18

Date: May 12, 2008

Appellant: Giorgi Goglichidze, Zestaponi majoritarian deputy candidate from Labor Party of Georgia

Essence of the Complaint: The author of the Complaint states that Zestaponi District Majoritarian deputy candidate Kakha Getsadze bribed electors, thereby violating the provisions of Article 73 (9) of the Organic Law on the Election Code of Georgia. The Complaint demands reacting to the fact of bribing of voters by Kakha Getsade, Zestaponi District majoritarian candidate from United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia”.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 13, 2008

CEC Decision: The complaint was left unexamined at the CEC Session, since the review of the posed issues falls outside the powers of the CEC, according to the Order #465/2008 the complaint was left unexamined.

Complaint #19

Date: May 13, 2008

Appellant: Irine Imerlishvili, Republican Party representative at the CEC.

Essence of the Complaint: According to the author of the complaint, Kakha Getsadze, Zestaponi District majoritarian candidate from the United National Movement - for Victorious Georgia has bribed electors, which is proven by video recording that was broadcasted by TV Company Rustavi-2 and demands cancellation of registration of majoritarian candidate Kakha Getsadze.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 15, 2008

CEC Decision: The review of the issue posed at the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia Article 73 (9¹) is Court prerogative. To establish whether there was the fact of

bribing of electors, the applicant had to apply not to the Election Commission, but to the Court. According to the Article 22 (17) of the Election Code of Georgia, the CEC is authorized not to review an application/complaint, if the rule of its submission has been violated. Since the review of the issue posed in the application falls outside the authority of the CEC, the application of Irine Imerlishvili, Republican Party representative, demanding cancellation of registration of Kakha Getsadze, Zestaponi District Majoritarian candidate from the United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia was left unexamined, through the Order #503/2008 of May 15, 2008.

Complaint #20

Date: May 14, 2008

Appellant: Rusudan Lomtadze, Labor Party of Georgia representative at Zestaponi District

Essence of the Complaint: Demands annulment of Order #030/2008 of #51 District Election Commission. Annulment of registration for majoritarian candidate Kakha Getsadze.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 15, 2008

CEC Decision: On May 15, 2008 at the CEC session the complaint was reviewed and was not satisfied due to groundlessness by the Order #502/2008.

Complaint #21

Date: May 13, 2008

Appellant: Public Defender of Georgia Sozar Subari

Essence of the Complaint: Demands the CEC to react to the fact of the tearing down of election posters of Eka Beselia- majoritarian deputy candidate, by the employees of “Tbilkalakganateba (City Lighting Service)” Gldani-Nadzaladevi District Commission on April 5, 2008. The Public Defender states in his Application that the above-mentioned represents administrative violation and demands the CEC to compile a law violation report against Lado Kvachadze and those employees who intentionally have torn Eka Beselia’s poster.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 15, 2008

CEC Decision: It has been established that according to the Article 1 of the Resolution #18-10 of July 7, 1999 Tbilisi City Sakrebulo (Council) Placing of promotional posters and announcements of election subjects participating in elections was prohibited in the streets, trees, facades of buildings and constructions in Tbilisi, everywhere except for special places designated

for this. According to the Article 4 of the same Resolution, information for the dislocation of stands designated for election attributes has to be provided to the CEC on a timely basis. Commensurate with the Court ruling it was established that through the Tbilisi Municipality Letter of May 1, 2008 City Municipality performed the obligation prescribed by Article 4 of the Resolution #18-10 of 7 July 1999 of Tbilisi Sakrebulo and informed CEC that the placement of election-related posters and announcements shall be made only on the stands designated for billboards and promotions. On the territory of Tbilisi light post is the place where the placement of promotional posters is prohibited and the removal from those does not result in legal responsibility. CEC did not satisfy the claim of Public Defender at 14 May 2008 Session for the compilation of administrative violations protocol against Lado Kvichidze and “Tbilikalakganateba (Tbilisi City Lighting Service)” employees, due to groundlessness.

Complaint #22

Date: May 15, 2008

Appellant: Ketevan Bebiashvili, Head of the Gori Office of Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Essence of the Complaint: According to the complaint, Giorgi Tatishvili brought 70 children from Khashuri Region Settlement Surami and Tashiskari Orphanages to Gori and invited them to the Circus, also gave to them the presents. #32 Gori District Election Commission adopted the Order #52/2008 on May 14, 2008 to leave the application unexamined, which was appealed by the applicant at the CEC.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 16, 2008

CEC Decision: Order #52/2008 of 14 May 2008 of #32 Gori DEC was adopted in full compliance with legislation; there are no grounds for its annulment. The CEC through the Order #513/2008 decided not to satisfy the application of May 15, 2008 by the Head of GYLA Gori Office due to its groundlessness.

Complaint #23

Date: May 15, 2008

Appellant: Irma Makhatadze, representative of Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights)”

Essence of the Complaint: Representative of election subject at the CEC states in her complaint that CEC took a protocol decision on May 11, 2008 and charged Gldani DEC to establish a new election precinct and also within no later than the day following to the establishment of the precinct to announce competition for the selection of the PEC member. According to the

Appellant, the appealed order was issued by Gldani DEC without factual reasons which is the grounds of appealed act envisioned by Article (60¹).

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 16, 2008

CEC Decision: The complaint by Irma Makhatadze, representative of the Election Bloc “The Joint Opposition (National Council, New Rights’)” at the CEC dated with May 15, 2008 demanding annulment of Order #62/2008 of May 14, 2008 adopted by #10 Gldani District Election Commission was left unexamined since the complaint was submitted by an unauthorized person (By virtue of the Order # 512/2008).

Complaint #24

Date: May 16, 2008

Appellant: Zaza Metaplishvili, member of #4 Krtsanisi District Election Commission

Essence of the Complaint: Demands early termination terms of authority for Teimuraz Mamageishvili, chair of # 4 PEC of # 4 DEC. Since, according to the complaint, Teimuraz Mamageishvili, chair of the same Precinct Election Commission, referring to past relationship between him and Goga Khaindrava, a majoritarian candidate in the above-mentioned district, was asserting his support to Dilar Khabuliani, another majoritarian candidate in the same district, and was also stating he would not allow Goga Khaindrava to win. Zaza Metaplishvili submitted a complaint to # 4 Krtsanisi District Election Commission on May 13, 2008 demanding early termination terms of authority for Teimuraz Mamageishvili. On May 14, District Election Commission reviewed the complaint and did not satisfy it due to its groundlessness (Order # 0082/2008). Author of the complaint appeals the above-mentioned Order #0082/2008.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 17, 2008

CEC Decision: Decision of # 4 Krtsanisi District Election Commission of May 14 had to be appealed at the CEC within 1 calendar day (May 15), although Zaza Metaplishvili submitted an appeal to the CEC on May 16. Respectively, the CEC was authorized to not review Zaza Metaplishvili’s appeal, since the deadline for appealing of the DEC decision established through the Election Code had been violated.

Complaint #25

Date: May 18, 2008

Appellant: Georgian Young Lawyers Association

Essence of the Complaint:

According to the application, the cards are distributed to citizens, using which the holders of these cards can access the institutions/individuals at addresses indicated on the card and receive certain free of charge medical services. On the reverse side of the above-mentioned card image, name and election code of an election subject – Temur Gotsiridze, majoritarian candidate at Gldani single-mandate election district is shown. According to GYLA, this is a fact of provision of free of charge goods to citizens by an election subject. GYLA appeals to the CEC to act within the frames of legislation, to study the mentioned issue and to appeal to Court, by virtue of powers granted through Article 77¹ of the Election Code, on the annulment of registration for Temur Gotsiridze, election subject, majoritarian candidate at Gldani single-mandate election district.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 19, 2008

CEC Decision: The Central Election Commission of Georgia is authorized and is not obligated to apply to Court in relation to the given issue. According to the Article 29 (1) (m) and Article 77 (5) of the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia, Central Election Commission of Georgia refused local observer organization “Georgian Young Lawyers Association” to apply the Court with the claim to cancel registration for Temur Gotsiridze, election subject, majoritarian deputy candidate at Gldani single-mandate election district (Order #530/2008).

Complaint #26

Date: May 19, 2008

Appellant: Zaza Metaplishvili, member nominated by party “Freedom” at #4 Krtsanisi District Election Commission.

Essence of the Complaint: According to the complaint, on May 19, 2008 Zaza Metaplishvili, # 4 Krtsanisi District Election Commission chair scheduled a Commission Session at 13:00, during which commission members were presented the application by Ms. T. Khvadagiani, Chair of # 16 PEC of # 4 DEC. After the end of the meeting, Zaza Metaplishvili, member of the commission, demanded the copy of the above-mentioned application, which was not satisfied. The author of the complaint requires appropriate reaction by the CEC in response to the mentioned fact.

Date of the CEC Session:

The CEC Session of May 19, 2008

CEC Decision: During May 19, at the CEC session the complaint represented by Zaza Metaplishvili, member of #4 Krtsanisi District Election Commission nominated by Party “Freedom” was represented and his claim was satisfied, namely, he was provided with the application of T. Khvadagiani, chair of #16 Election Precinct of #4 DEC.

Complaint #27

Date: May 19, 2008

Appellant: Lali Janikashvili - the commissioner represented by Party “Freedom” at #13 Signagi DEC

Essence of the complaint: it was mentioned in the complaint, that majoritarian candidate – Nugzar Abulashvili represented by “National Movement for Victorious Georgia” acted against the law; the complainant claimed for response of the CEC in this respect.

Date of the CEC Session:

Date: May 22, 2008

The CEC Decision: Complaint submitted, by Lali Janikashvili - the commissioner introduced by the party “Freedom” at #13 Signaghi DEC, on May 19, 2008 ,at the CEC session was received as reference.

Complaint #28

Date: May 20, 2008

Appellant: majoritarian candidate at #5 Isani DEC – David Gogua (Labour Party).

Essence of the complaint: The Appellant stated that, majoritarian candidate – Giorgi Gogvadze (United National Movement for Victorious Georgia) bribed the voter; that was proved by video recording.

Date of the CEC Session: May 22, 2008

The CEC Decision: Based on paragraphs 5 and 4 of the Article 77; sub paragraph “t” of paragraph 1 of article 29; and paragraph 17 of article 22 of Georgian Organic Law – Election Code of Georgia the CEC left unexamined application of David Gogua – majoritarian candidate (Georgian Labour Party) at # 5 Isani DEC, dated May 20, 2008.

Complaint #29

Date: May 20, 2008

Appellant: Representative of Republican Party at the CEC – Irine Imerlishvili

Essence of the Complaint: the Appellant considers that number of voters at 19 precincts of #3 Saburtalo DEC exceeds to the number determined by the law and claims for the CEC response to that.

Date of the CEC Session: May 22, 2008

The CEC Decision: Based on paragraphs 5 and 4 of article 77; sub paragraph “t” of paragraph 1 of article 29 of Georgian Organic Law – Election Code of Georgia the CEC did not satisfy application of Irine Imerlishvili – representative of Republican Party at the CEC, dated May 19, 2008 due to being considered as groundless.

Complaint #30

Date: May 20, 2008

Appellant: Avtandil Kakhniashvili - majoritarian candidate at # 1 Mtatsminda DEC

Essence of the Complaint: the Appellant claims for void decree of the DEC and adoption of respective new decree voiding authority of Archil Gegenava, Ivliane Khaindrava and Gia Tortladze.

The CEC Decision: the CEC was not authorized to examine appeal of Avtandil Kakhniashvili – majoritarian candidate at #1 Mtatsminda DEC, due to expire of terms determined by Election Code for appealing complaints. Written notification was sent to the Appellant on above mentioned, on May 21, 2008

Complaint #31

Date: May 23, 2008

Appellant: Tom Trier – representative of International Observing Organization – European Center for Ethnic Minorities

Essence of the Complaint: the Appellant stated that, the observer of their organization – Teimuraz Koridze was observing voting process in # 43 Kamburi PEC of # 25 Tsalka election district and identified following violations: 1. no control paper was available in mobile box after its opening. Koridze immediately applied to the PEC chairman and claimed for sealing of the box without opening of envelopes and for void of the results. 2. Number of special envelopes in ballot box was more than number of signatures in special and main list. Koridze applied to the PEC chairman and claimed for response to the mentioned, but there was no result. Complaints regarding above mentioned facts immediately were submitted to #25 Tsalka DEC. On May 22,

2008 the DEC adopted decree #32/2008 not satisfying complaint of T. Koridze regarding void of the results of # 43 Kamburi election precinct. Tom Trier claims for void of the decree of #25 Tsalka DEC #32/2008.

Date of the CEC Session: May 24, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 24, 2008 at the CEC Session the head of Legal Issues Department Archil Anasashvili mentioned that, Tsalka DEC adjudicated and did not satisfy complaint submitted by the observer of International Organization European Centre for Ethnic Minorities and indicated in the decree that it could be appealed at the CEC instead of District Court. The complaint is sent to Tsalka District Court, by the Legal Department and despite of violation of terms it will be adjudicated by all means. Mr. Anasashvili stated that the observing organization submitted complaint in this Court within determined terms. The chairman of the session Mr. Levan Tarkhishvili explained that the CEC is not authorized to discuss facts provided in the complaint, since it is prerogative of the Court. Complaint of Tom Trier – representative of International Observing Organization – European Centre for Ethnic Minorities – was sent to Tsalka District Court, by the Legal Department of the CEC.

Complaint #32

Date: May 23, 2008

Appellant: Roin Khijakadze - representative of the Joint Opposition (National Council; The Rights') at #67 Zugdidi Election District

Essence of the Complaint: it is stated in the complaint, that on May 20, 2008 Roin Khijakadze submitted to #67 Zugdidi DEC five complaints regarding important violations and the chairperson of the DEC neither examined the complaints nor checked the facts mentioned in them. On May 22, 2008 the chairperson rejected to satisfy the complaints through the decrees:

58, 59, 60, 61, 62; due to that the Appellant claims for void of appealed decrees and re-adjudication of above mentioned five complaints and revoke of the results of #67 Zugdidi election district.

Date of the CEC Session: May 24, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 24, at the CEC session based on paragraph 17 of article 22; sub paragraph "v" of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraph 1 of article 63 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 the CEC left unexamined the complaint of Roin Khijakadze – representative of election bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights') at #67 Zugdidi DEC, dated May 23, 2008.

Complaint #33

Date: May 24, 2008

Appellant: #73 Letter of #22 Marneuli DEC Chair enclosed with statement. Considering above mentioned letter, on the same day Sergo Vachiberidze - representative of election bloc “Traditionalists, Our Georgia and Women’s Party” at #22 Marneuli DEC appealed to the CEC through #5999 petition.

Essence of the Complaint: it is stated in the complaint, that Arzu Hasanov – representative of bloc “Traditionalists, Our Georgia and Women’s Party” was majoritarian candidate in Marneuli district. 80% of population is Azerbaijanian in Marneuli. Voters arrived to election precinct were not able to read Arzu Hasanov’s name in ballot paper, because it was not written correctly; due to that he lost the most of the votes. Besides mentioned violations, the lists were posted only in Georgian, so Azeri were not able find themselves in the list and vote; those who were able to read Georgian were told to circle number 5. This of course is grave violation of Election Code. Due to the above mentioned, Appellant claims for void of the results of #22 Marneuli DEC.

Date of the CEC Session: May 25, 2008

The CEC Desicion: On May 25, 2008, at the CEC Session based on sub paragraph ‘t’ of paragraph 1 of article 29 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 the CEC did not satisfy complaint dated 22.05.08 and motion 24.05.08 #5999 of Sergo Vachiberidze – representative of bloc “Traditionalists, Our Georgia and Women’s Party” due to being considered as groundless.

Complaint #34

Date: May 24, 2008

Appellant: observers of GYLA at #3 Saburtalo DEC – Tamar Gurchiani and Robert Maghlakelidze

Essence of the Complaint: it is required to assign disciplinary responsibility to #3 Saburtalo DEC chairman – Akaki Khuskivadze also terminate his authority in accordance with subparagraph “i” of paragraph 1 of article 21 of Election Code. This claim is caused by the decision of #3 Saburtalo DEC, adopted at the session on May 23, 2008 regarding leaving unexamined complaints of GYLA.

Date of the CEC Session: May 25, 2008

The CEC Desicion: On May 25, at the Session the CEC based on sub paragraph ‘t’ of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraph 1 of article 63 and paragraph 5 of article 77 Saburtalo DEC #3 did not satisfy complaint of GYLA observers Tamar Gurchiani and Robert Maghlakelidze dated 24 May, 2008, due to being considered as groundless.

Complaint #35

Date: May 24, 2008

Appellant: Tinatin Tsereteli - representative of Republican Party at #10 Gldani DEC

Essence of the Complaint: requesting annulment of election results at # 97 Gldani DEC

Date of the CEC Session: May 25, 2008

The CEC Decision: On 25 May, at the Session the CEC based on paragraph 17 of article 22; sub paragraph 't' of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraph 1 of article 62 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 left unexamined the complaint of Tinatin Tsereteli – representative of Republican Party at #10Gldani DEC, dated 24 May, 2008.

Complaint #36

Date: May 24, 2008

Appellant: Otar Kakhidze – observer of local NGO - GYLA

Essence of the Complaint: the Appellant states that, at the E-Day at #81 Kobuleti DEC and #23 Bolnisi DEC gravely violated election legislation, particularly: 1) On May 21, 2008 at election precinct #17 of Kobuleti district the observers of GYLA were under pressure; consequently, the observers of GYLA submitted complaint to Kobuleti DEC, which on May 22, 2008 issued the decree on leaving the mentioned complaint unexamined. The decree was delivered to the Appellant at 17.30, May 23, 2008; accordingly submission of appeal was impossible. 2) On May 21, 2008 at precinct #34 of Bolnisi district the observer of GYLA was forced out of the precinct because of identifying violations at the precinct. The observer submitted complaint to Bolnisi DEC, which adopted the decree on May 22, 2008 and delivered to the Appellant on May 23, 2008, that made appealing impossible. The Appellant considers that normative Act – Decree #22/2008 adopted by the CEC, particularly its article 11, was gravely violated by the DEC's; and consequently claims for termination of authority of the secretaries of Bolnisi and Kobuleti DEC's – Tsivadze and Mghvdeladze.

Date of the CEC Session: May 25, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 25, at the Session the CEC based on sub paragraph 't' of paragraph 1 of article 29 and 5 of article 77 the CEC did not satisfy the complaint of Otar Kakhidze – observer of GYLA, dated 24 May, 2008.

Complaint #37

Date: May 24, 2008

Appellant: Lasha Chkhatriashvili - representative of the Joint Opposition (National Council; The Rights') at #60 Ozurgeti DEC

Essence of the Complaint: it is stated that the PECs received complaints in accordance with the legislation, but as applicant thinks, without response. The Appellant mentions that the DEC should adjudicate the complaints submitted to the precincts, but it did not fulfil the responsibility assigned by the legislation and at the CEC session on May 22, 2008 rejected to examination of this complaint. The Appellant claims for implementation of the requirements of the legislation by #60 Ozurgeti DEC.

Date of the CEC Session: May 25, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 25 at the Session the CEC based on paragraph 17 of article 22; sub paragraph ‘t’ of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraph 1 of article 62 and paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of article 77 left unexamined the complaint of Lasha Chkhartishvili – representative of election bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights’) at # 60Ozurgeti DEC.

Complaint #38

Date: May 24, 2008

Appellant: Zaal Gorgidze - observer of GYLA at Kutaisi DEC #59

Essence of the Complaint: requesting annulment of the decrees #650/2008 and #666/2008 of #59 Kutaisi DEC, dated May 23, 2008.

Kutaisi DEC #59 made corrections to proportional and majoritarian summarizing protocols of #59 precinct.

Date of the CEC Session: May 25, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 25 at the session, the CEC based on paragraph sub paragraph ‘t’ of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 did not satisfy the complaint of Zaal Giorgadze – Observer of GYLA at Kutaisi DEC #59, dated 24 May, 2008.

Complaint #39

Date: May 25, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights’)

Essence of the Complaint: requesting annulment of election results of #64 Senaki DEC

Date of the CEC Session: May 26, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 26, 2008, at the session based on sub paragraph “t” of article 1 of article 29, paragraph 4 of article 77 the CEC decided not to satisfy the complaint #7/275 on annulling election results of Senaki #64 Election District due to being groundless, submitted by election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights’).

Complaint #40

Date: May 27, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights’)

Essence of the Complaint: requesting annulment of election results of #53 Vani Election District

Date of the CEC Session: May 28, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 28, 2008 at the session the CEC based on sub paragraph “t” of article 1 of article 29, paragraph 4 of article 77 the CEC decided not to satisfy complain #7/277 due to being groundless, that was submitted by the election Bloc ‘the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights’), dated May 27, 2008.

Complaint #41

Date: May 28, 2008

Appellant: ISFED

Essence of the Complaint: The statement describes that on May 22, 2008, at 00.10 the summarizing protocols developed by #23 PEC of #64 Senaki DEC were corrected but the written notes regarding those corrections were not attached thereto. #64 Senaki District Election Commission refused developing the protocol on May 27, 2008, contradicting the paragraph 3 of the article 51' of the “Georgian Election code” of the Georgian Organic Law – from “Fair Election’s” point of view.

The organization “Fair Elections” requires to annul and void the written refusal by #64 Senaki DEC from May 27, 2008; also it requires the CEC to develop a penalty protocol against the Chair and the Secretary of # 23 PEC of #64 Senaki DEC regarding imposition of administrative penalties to them, as well as to impose responsibilities to the Chair and the Secretary of #64 Senaki District Election Commission.

Date of the CEC Session: May 29, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 29, 2008, at the session the CEC discussed the above mentioned application in compliance with the clause 29, first paragraph, sub paragraph “n”, and clause 77, 4th and 5th paragraphs of Georgian Organic Law “about Georgian Election Code”, and decided to satisfy partially the appeal # 01/60/08 of “Fair Elections” submitted on May 27, 2008.

Complaint #42

Date: May 28, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights')

Essence of the Complaint: in summarizing protocol prepared by the DEC for majoritarian elections, number of ballots is in eight more (and not less) than of voters; this of course requires additional investigation. If necessary the data should be revised and corrected. The DEC should act in accordance with paragraph 13 of article 105 of Election Code against the precincts causing inaccuracy of DEC summarizing protocols

Date of the CEC Session: May 29, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 29, 2008, at the session the CEC based on sub paragraphs "t" and "w" of article 1 of article 29; paragraph 13 of article 105; paragraphs 4 and of article 77 the CEC of Georgia decided not to satisfy the complaint, submitted by election Bloc 'the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights')', dated May 28, 2008.

Complaint #43

Date: May 28, 2008

Appellant: Dato Lortkipanidze – representative of Giorgi Targamadze – Christian-Democrats at #53 Vani DEC

Essence of the Complaint: requesting annulment of election results of #53 Vani DEC

Date of the CEC Session: May 29, 2008

The CEC Decision: On 29 May, 2008 at the session based on paragraph 17 of article 22; sub paragraph "t" of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 the CEC left unexamined the complaint of Dato Lortkipanidze – representative of Christian Democrats at #53 Vani DEC ,dated May 28, 2008.

Complaint #44

Date: May 29, 2008

Appellant: Irine Imerlishvili – representative of Republican Party at the CEC

Essence of the Complaint: requesting for annulment of the summarizing protocols of #79 Batumi DEC

Date of the CEC Session: May 30, 2008

The CEC Decision: the CEC of Georgia left unexamined the complaint dated 29 May, 2008 represented by Irine Imerlishvili – representative of Republican Party.

Complaint #45

Date: May 31, 2008

Appellant: Labour Party of Georgia

Essence of the Complaint: requesting for annulment of summarizing protocol of #26 Tetrtskaro DEC

Date of the CEC Session: May 31, 2008

The CEC Desicion: On 31 May, 2008 at the session based on paragraph sub paragraph ‘t’ of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 the CEC did not satisfy the complaint (#6293) of Labour Party of Georgia regarding annulment of election results of #26 Tetrtskaro DEC, dated May 31, 2008, due to being groundless.

Complaint #46

Date: May 31, 2008

Appellant: Labour Party of Georgia

Essence of the Complaint: requesting for annulment of summarizing protocol of #5 Isani DEC.

Date of the CEC Session: May 31, 2008

The CEC Desicion: On May 31, 2008 at the session based on paragraph sub paragraph ‘t’ of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 the CEC did not satisfy the complaint of Labour Party regarding annulment of election results of #5 Isani DEC, dated 30 May, 2008, due to being groundless.

Complaint #47

Date: May 31, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights’)

Essence of the Complaint: requesting for annulment the protocols and election results of #10 Gldani DEC.

Date of the CEC Session: 31 May, 2008

The CEC Desicion: the CEC resolved not to satisfy the complaint #7/290 of election bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights’), regarding annulment of the summarizing protocols and of #10 Gldani DEC , dated 31 May, 2008, due to being considered as groundless.

Complaint #48

Date: May 31, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights')

Essence of the Complaint: It is claimed to annul summarizing protocol of # 22 Marneuli DEC dated May 30, 2008.

Date of the CEC Session: 31 May, 2008

The CEC Decision: On May 31, 2008 at the session based on sub paragraph 't' of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraph 1 of article 63 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 the CEC did not satisfy the complaint #7/289 of election bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights'), dated 31 May, 2008.

Complaint #49

Date: 31 May, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights')

Essence of the Complaint: claims for annulment summarizing protocols for majoritarian system, issued by #9 Nadzaladevi DEC and for delivery of video records made from 08.00 to 20.00 at precincts #7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 32, 45, 46, 52, 55, 60, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 77, 79, 84, 86, 88

Date of the CEC Session: May 31, 2008

The CEC Decision: the CEC of Georgia decided to leave unexamined complaint of Levan Terashvili – representative of the Joint Opposition (national Council, the Rights'), claiming for annulment summarizing protocols for majoritarian system, issued by #9 Nadzaladevi DEC and for delivery of video records made from 08.00 to 20.00 at precincts #7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 32, 45, 46, 52, 55, 60, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 77, 79, 84, 86, 88

Complaint #50

Date: May 31, 2008

Appellant: Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, the Rights')

Essence of the Complaint: It is required to annul summarizing protocol of #11 Sagarejo DEC, dated May 30, 2008

Date of the CEC Session: May 31, 2008

The CEC Decision: Based on sub paragraph 4 and 5 of paragraph 1 of article 29; paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 77 the, on May 31 at the session the CEC decided not to satisfy complaint of Election Bloc the Joint Opposition (National Council, The Rights') on annulment of summarizing protocol of #11 Sagarejo DEC, due to its groundlessness.

In accordance with above-mentioned:

“The Joint Opposition (National Council, The Rights’) submitted to the CEC 14 applications/appeal, out of which 3 were satisfied; 7 were not satisfied and 4 left unexamined.

Labour Party of Georgia submitted to the CEC 5 applications/appeals, out of which 3 were not satisfied and 2 left unexamined.

Republican Party of Georgia submitted to the CEC 10 applications/appeals, out of which 1 was satisfied, 6 were not satisfied and 2 left unexamined.

GYLA submitted to the CEC 9 applications/appeals, out of which 1 was satisfied, 8 were not satisfied.

Giorgi Targamadze Christian Democrats - submitted to the CEC 1 appeal, which was left unexamined.

Political Union Christian-Democratic Alliance submitted to the CEC 1 appeal, which was left unexamined.

Rights’ Alliance Topadze – Industrials (Industry saves Georgia, Unity, National Democratic Party) - submitted to the CEC 1 appeal, which was not satisfied

ISFED - submitted to the CEC 1 appeal, which was partially satisfied

Traditionalists, Our Georgia and Women’s Party - submitted to the CEC 1 appeal, which was not satisfied

International Observing Organization – European Centre for Ethnic Minorities – submitted application/complaint to the CEC, which was sent to Tsalka district Court.

Party Freedom - submitted to the CEC 3 applications, out of which 1 was satisfied, 1 considered as reference and 1 left unexamined.

1 complaint of Public Defender was not satisfied.

Complaint of Besarion Donadze – representative of the CEC at Isani DEC #5 – was sent to investigation agencies for further response.

Complaint of Magdana Mushkudiani – member of Isani DEC #5 – was accepted as reference.

Application/complaints submitted to the CEC were examined at the CEC Sessions, for what projects of decrees and orders were prepared.

In total 50 complaints were submitted to the CEC, out of which 7 were satisfied, 26 – not satisfied, 1 – sent to the Court, 1- accepted as reference, 1 – sent to investigation bodies for further response and 14 were left unexamined.

In total, 318 complaints were submitted to the DEC's, out of which 90 were satisfied; results of 38 were annulled by election commissions and Courts. The DEC's left unexamined 28 complaints; 200 complaints were not satisfied due to being groundless.

In total 812 complaints were submitted to the CEC, out of which 327 were satisfied, 477 were not satisfied and 6 were left unexamined, 1 was sent to the Court and 1 was withdrawn.

Activities Performed by the Organizational Department for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008

Jointly with the Financial-Economic Department, budget necessary for the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 was determined (existing and required inventory, etc. at district and precinct election commissions was checked).

Department staff established an electronic database of 13-member district election commissions.

Information received from the DEC's on first meetings and decisions were processed electronically.

Electronic database of the PEC's was established (Precinct address, telephone numbers, information about 47,749 commission members, etc.). Information regarding gender balance at election commission was collected and delivered to HR Department for procession.

Statistics of Commissioners by Appointing Subjects

Party	Chairperson	Deputy	Secretary	Total
Appointed by the DEC	3347	3235	3359	9994
National Movement	203	251	150	604
Laborites	0	4	6	10
New Rights	0	8	9	17
Industrials	1	27	28	56
Freedom	2	9	1	12
Conservatives	0	7	10	17
Republicans	1	13	5	19

Jointly with district election commissions and the IT Department, at precincts with over 1,500 voters this number was brought down to 1,500 voters and, respectively, 156 precincts were added to the total number.

3,554 precincts were established for the Parliamentary Elections May 21, to which precincts established on an exceptional basis (total of 72 precincts) and 47 precincts established in other countries (including 2 precincts in Iraq) were added.

Jointly with IFES and Telecom of Georgia was implemented project for installation of fax machines at 1612 PECs; that enabled the PECs to fax summarizing protocols to the CEC computer centre immediately after being signed. Information regarding technical capacity for sending fax messages of each election precinct was prepared in advance for this project. IFES delivered 140 GSM system fax machines, which were distributed to election districts not covered by telecom network. Telecom rented 386 CDMA system fax machines, which were installed at precincts without stationary telephones. Special hot line was established and operated 24 hours, through which Telecom specialists were resolving technical problems related to faxing information from the PECs. Fax machines were installed in all precincts of Tbilisi DEC. (720 precincts)

In districts: 358 CDMA, 120 GSM.

In total fax machines were installed at 1397 precincts .

Electronic versions of summarizing protocols were being sent to the CEC simultaneously, via intranet of Civil Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

Information regarding buildings and premises on which posting of agitation materials was restricted by local governance bodies, was collected, processed and delivered to PR office for placing in the internet. The list of buildings allocated by local governance bodies for meetings and events was also prepared.

Information about areas resided by non Georgian population was prepared. Based on this information the Voters' Lists, ballot papers, summarizing protocols, manuals for the PEC commissioners and other election documentation were printed in Georgian –Azeri, Georgian – Armenian, Georgian – Russian and Georgian – Ossetian languages.

10 districts: (Gardabani, Marneuli, Bolnisi, Dmanisi, Tsalka, Tetrtskaro, Akhaltsikhe, Akhalkalaki, Ninotsminda, Liakhvi), in total – 483; out of them 298 non Georgian; 168 – Georgian - Azeri; 133 – Georgian – Armenian; 6 – trilingual (Georgian - Armenian – Azeri); 3 – Georgian Osetian.

Schedule for training the DEC and PEC members was prepared jointly with Human Recourses and Development Office and the information was delivered to district elections commissions.

Stickers containing information regarding addresses of the precincts were stuck to appropriate residential houses. This project was implemented in big cities: Tbilisi, Rustavi, Batumi, Poti, Gori and Zugdidi; in total 1087 precincts. Besides voters' instructions for election procedure and voters' Rights' were provided together with voters' cards.

Cameras were installed at all precincts of Tbilisi, Rustavi, Kutaisi, Batumi and Poti DEC's, also in the precincts of Bolnisi, Marneuli, Gori, Akhalkalaki and Zugdidi.

Total: **1112 Precincts**. Organizational Department was controlling process of installing of cameras and their removal after elections.

Election districts of Tbilisi, Kutaisi and Samtredia were provided with computers, in which Unified Voters' List was entered and in the event of missing of the voter in table and wall lists the PEC was able to check the place of registration of the voter locally. This project was especially successful in Samtredia, computers were provided to the following precincts:

Tbilisi 720

Kutaisi 121

Samtredia 20

Total - 861 Precincts

At the E-Day information about turn out of the voters was collected from district commissions and was delivered to IT centre. Information received via hot line was checked timely.

All forms of election documentation and legal acts approved by the CEC were immediately delivered to the DEC's. Besides, in accordance with Election Code and the CEC regulations, the staff of organizational department was fulfilling its routine tasks – distribution of information

among the election commissions, controlling timely fulfilment of the tasks considered in the schedule.

Summarizing protocols and other election documentation were timely delivered to district election commissions.

Department staff developed an electronic database of complaints submitted to district and precinct election commissions and respective decisions, and it is updated on a weekly basis.

Practically, the Organizational Department performs the functions of a district election commission for election commissions established in other states (countries).

- Receiving the list of Georgian citizens registered at Consulate Offices abroad;
- Establishment of election precincts abroad;
- Conducting competition for selection of the members for PECs located abroad;
- Submission to the CEC of decisions on appointment of the members, by the parties determined by the Election Code, at precincts established abroad;
- Receiving information of filling of quotes by subjects appointing commissioners of the PECs established abroad and its procession and delivery to economic office.

Report on Activities Performed by Public and International Relations Department for the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008

In the frames of the Central Election Commission reform, Public and International Relations Department was established on the basis of the Public and Media Relations Office. Two offices were subordinated to this Department: International relations and Public and Media Relations Offices. Due to appropriate distribution of functions during a quite busy elections period, planning of various activities, relations with local, as well as with international media, non-governmental organizations, and observer missions was further simplified.

Public and International Relations Department provided the following:

- Informing society regarding election procedures;
- Advertising campaign;
- Media relations;
- Trainings for media representatives;
- Update of the CEC website;
- Targeted provision of information and educational programmes to different demographic groups.

- Pre- election media monitoring;
- Accreditation of local and international observing organizations;
- Cooperation with international organizations;
- Training of election commissioners in media relations;

Raising Public Awareness

Various activities were planned for ensuring the provision of timely and proper information to public. The CEC Public and International Relations Department has actively involved all mass media in the elections processes. 12 social-informational TV advertisements were prepared, including instructions for the voters, the safety of inking, vote counting procedures after the closing of an election precinct, etc. Informational advertisements were broadcasted through radio and were also published through print media.

Advertisements were broadcasted by TV companies “Rustavi -2”, ‘Mze”, “Public Broadcaster”; and regional channels; also on screens of subway and buses (in languages of ethnic minorities as well).

Advertisements:

1. Voters’ List
2. Development of Voters’ List
3. Advertising hot line and SMS service
4. Rules for usage administrative recourses
5. Secrecy of voting
6. Elections defending tools
7. Advertisement on mobile box
8. Advertisement on ways of checking Georgian voters living abroad in unified voters’ list
9. Function of the PEC
10. Purpose and process of inking
11. Instructions for E-Day
12. Vote counting process after closing precinct

Radio Advertisement

Frequently asked questions about the Unified Voters' List and election administration were also aired on Radio "Green Wave" in the above-mentioned minority languages, in regions settled by ethnic minorities.

Print Media

Frequently asked questions regarding Voters' List and election administration were discussed in newspapers "24 Hours", "Versia"; also in electronic press www.presa.ge; all these materials were provided in languages of ethnic minorities (see sub chapter ethnic minorities).

On April 17, the CEC of Georgia and local NGOs – 'NGNI', 'ISFED', "GYLA" and "Transparency International" signed memorandum on using administrative recourses.

The memorandum determines rules for usage administrative recourses in re-election campaign and restrictions for state and local governance officials in this respect.

Accordingly, 20 000 information brochures were prepared and distributed to ministries, local governances, state agencies and election administration.

Information Brochure

More than 3 million brochures were prepared about instructions for E-Day, which were distributed to election precincts and to voters together with voters' cards.

Posters

Posters on elections procedures were prepared and distributed to election precincts.

Posters were posted:

Outside of precincts:

1. Steps for registered voters

Inside of precincts:

3. Registration

4. Signature of registrar

5. Inking

6. Making choice in ballot (your vote is secret)

7. Inserting your ballot into ballot box

Additional Advertisement

The items promoting participation in elections were distributed to public: T-shirts, caps, mobile phone accessories (with labels in Georgian, as well as national minority languages). Promotional gifts were distributed to NGOs, election districts and local self-government bodies.

Press Releases, bulletins

To ensure raising of public and stakeholders awareness press releases and weekly bulletins on the developments at the CEC were prepared and (are being prepared), electronic versions were sent to media representatives as well as to various organizations; it is to be noted that this information is prepared in Georgian and in English languages.

Meetings

During the election period, media was broadly covering all meetings held at the CEC. After announcements and meetings, our Department provided information to public on the discussed issues and taken decisions through media-releases.

Briefings

During the pre-election period, on the Election Day and during post-election period, the Department organized a number of briefings, press conferences and presentations. Zurab Kachkachishvili, CEC Press Speaker constantly provided (and is providing) necessary and interesting information to public and media representatives.

Strategy

The Department has prepared in Georgian and in English languages digest “For Free and Fair Elections”; the digest includes CEC Pre-election strategy; several versions of the digest were prepared for the diplomatic corps accredited in Georgia, local and international non-governmental organizations and media representatives.

Ethnic Minorities

Audio and video advertisement spots were designed in Armenian and Azeri languages and were broadcasted at local televisions in areas compactly settled by minorities.

Answers to frequently asked questions on election-related issues, on the general list of voters and election administration were published in newspapers “Vrastani” (Armenian), “Gurjistan” (Azerbaijan), and “Svobodnaya Gruzia” (Russian).

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Moreover, on the elections day the following posters depicting voting procedures were published at election precincts in the aforementioned minority languages: Inking, Circle your choice in a ballot paper (secrecy of voting), Insert your ballot paper into the ballot box.

Several meetings were held with representatives of ethnic minorities, including the one at the Public Defender's Office; additionally, Commission has invited minority representatives to the CEC; during the meeting Levan Tarkhnishvili introduced the Strategy that was subsequently implemented in relation to ethnic minorities. He also introduced modifications to and election procedures set forth in the Election Code.

Informational campaign abroad

Central Election Commission actively cooperated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Minister's Office on Diaspore issues to ensure the provision of comprehensive information to voters living abroad on the 2008 Parliamentary Elections; TV advertisement with election instructions was prepared for Georgians living abroad; additionally, a special journal "Great Connections" was published; through this journal Georgians living abroad received all necessary information related to the elections issues; through collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Minister's Office on Diaspore issues, "Great Connections" were distributed in the United States of America, as well as in Israel and various European countries.

Voters with disabilities

For voters with disabilities Elections Code and 4,000 elections ballot papers were prepared in Braille; at several precincts special entrances were prepared for people in wheelchairs.

Renewed web-page

The presentation of renewed web-page was held on May 14. Design and structure of the web-page was modified, search system was simplified, enabling the voters and all interested persons, various governmental or non-governmental organizations to find necessary information very easily. Technical base of the web-page was renewed as well enabling the users to receive information from the site without hindrance. International and Public Relations Department performs daily updates and respectively activities taking place at the Commission are maximally presented. It is to be noted that on the voting information was posted on-line.

Raising International Community Awareness

During the pre-election period International Relations Office prepared a weekly informational report for the CEC Chair, who was presenting the above report to international organizations and representatives of diplomatic corps accredited in Georgia. Information package included various types of statistical data, results of media-monitoring, information on the activities of the CEC and its every department related to the Parliamentary Elections; materials were prepared in English language.

The CEC actively cooperated with representatives of international organizations and Diplomatic Corps; providing them with information on elections, prepared by PR and Press Office. In pre election period meetings with the representatives of Diplomatic Corps were arranged in order to discuss development of events during election period.

The CEC covered visits of various delegations and important persons and their meetings with the Chairman of the CEC.

Hot Line

In pre-election period hot line was in operation at the CEC, in order to provide voters with complete information on election procedures and possibility to check their data in the unified national list;

Tel: 555 400.

The voters had possibility to get detailed information about elections and election procedures, get consultancies from certified lawyers on election legislation; voters had possibility to check their data via SMS (1260).

Accreditation

For accreditation of local and international observers and media representatives a special service was established by the International and Public Relations Department. It is to be noted that 15,980 persons were accredited; the number of observers for the 2008 Parliamentary Elections was the highest in the history of the Country; respectively, the Service had to prepare accreditations in the shortest timeframes; due to certain problems related to timely preparation of accreditations the service had to work in an emergency mode. Accordingly, the CEC did not violate the terms and all applicants got their accreditations for Parliamentary Elections 2008 on time.

For elections were accredited:

- 37 local NGOs (13 195 observers)
- 62 International Observing Organizations (1848 observers)

- 99 local and international media companies (937 representatives)

Media Monitoring

Upon the CEC initiative, informational-analytical company “PrimeTime” performed TV-monitoring for the Commission; media-monitoring aimed at monitoring of materials and advertisements broadcast about election subjects at central television channels of Georgia.

The project was prepared on the basis of media information bank of “PrimeTime”, based on the record of whole broadcasting net of all Georgian channels.

The project was divided in two parts:

- Monitoring of information programmes
- Monitoring of TV advertisement

Upon the CEC initiative, informational-analytical company “PrimeTime” performed TV-monitoring for the Commission; media-monitoring aimed at monitoring of materials and advertisements broadcast about election subjects at central television channels of Georgia. Tele-monitoring for 5 reporting weeks was developed; special conferences were devoted to TV-monitoring of each reporting week, and they were actively covered by various mass media.

Trainings

Trainings of Department Staff

Staff of Public and International Relations Department was provided with training in Public Relations Management at Zurab Zhvania Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA).

Trainings for Media representatives

Public and International Relations Department hosted several meetings with the Media. At the initial stage, in an informal setting, the Department provided information to journalists on the structural changes underway at the Central Election Commission and presented the pre-election Strategy. With a view of informing about election processes, trainings of media representatives were held. Journalists were introduced rules for covering pre-election agitation and elections day, as well as the issues related to public research and the use of its results.

Trainings for District Commissions

Public and International Relations Department participated in the trainings organized by the Trainings and Development Office for District Commissions. Commission representatives were introduced to the principles of media relations and proper provision of information.

Future Plans

Public and International Relations Department of the CEC continues working in regular basis. Press releases and monthly bulletins are being prepared in order to keep the society and the interested people informed about the events at the CEC. Electronic versions of the press releases and bulletins are being sent to the media outlets and international and local organizations. They are also being placed on the CEC website.

The CEC website is also being renewed and completed.

We will hold meetings with media representatives and will take into account their ideas related to the already organized elections and remarks related to the operation of the department (if applicable), to further improve the operation of the Public and International Relations Department.

To raise public awareness in election issues, Central Election Commission has planned various activities, i.e. the mentioned campaign is continual and will be held during the other periods as well. CEC plans field visits at various regions to distribute to population informational flyers, booklets; various meetings with public, etc. will be held. Also, to motivate public participation in the elections we plan to hold various PR actions; since the Central Election Commission is interested for electors to be maximally informed and motivated for participation at the following elections.

Report on Activities Performed by Department of Management and Development of Human Resources, for the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008

- The CEC administration consisted of 74 positions (including 13 commissioners) before March 1, 2008.
- On March 1, 2008 the reform of the CEC was started; since than number positions decreased to 112 (including 13 commissioners)
- In the result of the reform 7 departments and 15 divisions were established at the CEC;
- New regulations were developed;

- New job descriptions were developed;
- Competition was opened for vacancies appeared after the reform;
- 265 applications were submitted for 54 vacancies; 46 persons were selected and appointed on appropriate positions.
- 930 correspondences were entered to the department, among them 21 on requesting for public information.
- Process of implementation of the software for human recourses management is underway.
- The office was collecting and processing data on personnel issues.
- Gender composition of the CEC apparatus:
 - Female: 46 %
 - Male : 54 %

Gender composition of DEC's:

Female: 44 %

Male: 56 %

Gender composition of PEC's:

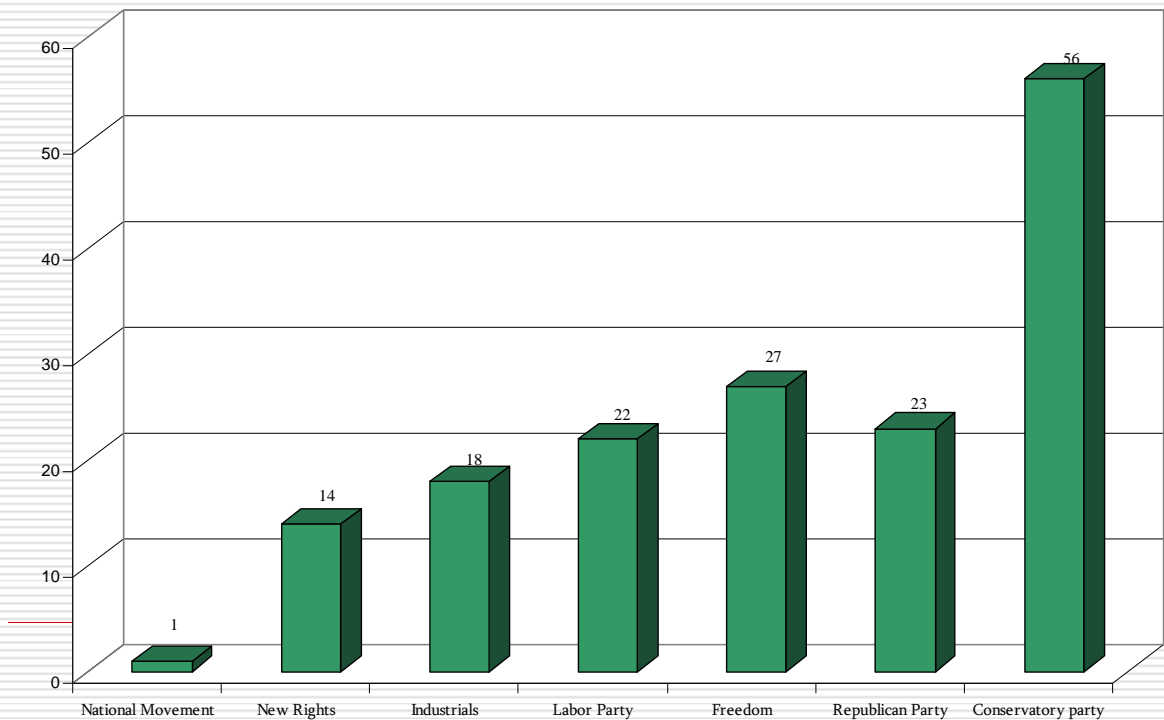
Female: 44 %

Male: 56 %



Changes of district commission members appointed by the political parties during the election period

Number of Members Changed by the Political Parties



The goal of the department was: to improve skills of election administration for provision of free and fair elections.

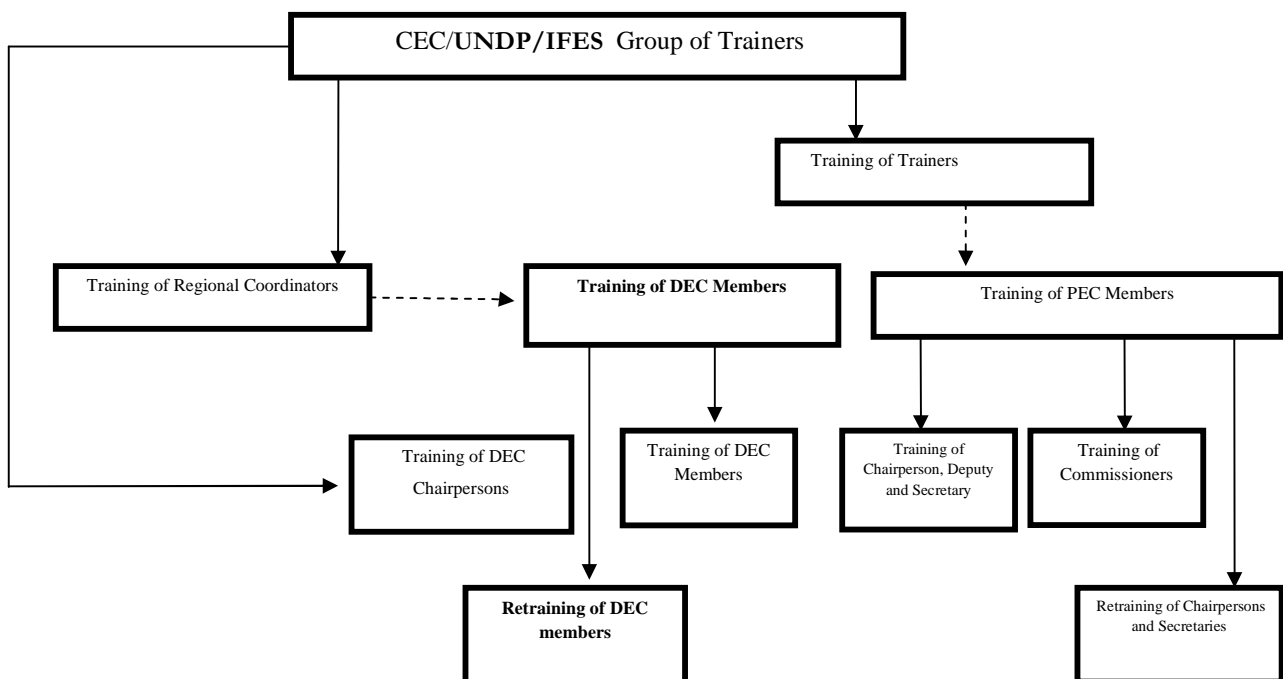
Goals:

- Training of the representatives of election administration in order to provide unbiased, transparent elections;
- Development of sustainable system for training of election administration;
- Key directions of activity:
- Elaboration and implementation of strategy for development of modern system for training of election administration;
- Training of regional coordinators;
- Development of special programme and provision of training to officials of different levels of election administration;
- Preparation and publication of training manuals;

- Cooperation with international and non governmental organizations; implementation of joint projects in purpose of improving skills of election administration staff;
- Provision of trainings to media and NGO representatives;
- Monitoring of trainings.

1. Training Implementation System

UNDP and IFES established joint working group for elections of 2008; and determined action plan, providing training system. The trainings were conducted by two stage “cascade” system – groups of trainers of CEC/UNDP/IFES provided training to trainers, which then trained the DEC and PEC members.



2. Competition to select trainers and regional coordinators

A network of coordinators has been created on the basis of CEC/UNDP/IFES database of regional coordinators. In addition new regional coordinators were selected through the competition on the vacant positions. The purpose of the network of facilitators is to coordinate the trainings of election administration members of different levels by regions. In addition their functions include conducting of the trainings of trainers and monitoring of the trainings in the regions. The CEC also announced competition to fill in the vacant positions; the trainers were selected on the basis of the decision of CEC/UNDP/IFES joint competition commission, and in total 132 trainers conduct the training process.

3. Training of regional coordinators

On March 11, an evaluation meeting of regional coordinators was held, where the activities conducted for the presidential elections were discussed. The factors having had positive and negative effects on the training process of election administration members were analyzed.

2-day trainings were held for the CEC regional coordinators on April 2-3 in Tbilisi. The trainings were conducted in cooperation with the UNDP project “Enhancing the capacity of election administration for Parliamentary Elections, May 21, 2008” and IFES. Coordinators were trained on the amendments to the election code. In addition, coordinators presented their action plans.

Regional coordinators also met with Mr. Levan Tarkhishvili, the CEC Chairman who spoke about the importance of election administration trainings. He positively assessed the fact that the trainings for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008 are conducted in a coordinative manner, that contributes to the conduct of the election process on a professional level. In addition, the foreign experts also met with the regional coordinators and discussed the Code of Ethics of election administration members.

From 9 to 21 of April trainings for regional coordinators were conducted in Bakuriani in cooperation with UNDP project “Enhancing the capacity of election administration for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008” and IFES.

On May 9 the meeting of regional coordinators was held in Kutaisi with the purpose to evaluate the stage I of the trainings. During the meeting all coordinators presented the report on the trainings falling within the area of their activities, as well as discussed the factors that had negative effect on the process of comprehensive conduct of the trainings.

Target group: regional coordinators						
	11.03.08 Tbilisi	2.04.-3.04 Tbilisi	09.05.08 Kutaisi	16.05.08. Kutaisi	Batumi	Number of the participants
Training						24
Evaluation meeting						24

4. Trainings of Trainers

From 9 to 21st of April, trainings for trainers and facilitators were conducted in Bakuriani in cooperation with UNDP project “Enhancing the capacity of election administration for 2008 parliamentary elections” and IFES. The trainings were held in 3 flows

Target group	Start date	End date	Location	Number of the participants
Trainers (I flow)	10.04.08.	14.04.-14.04.	Bakuriani	44
Trainers (II flow)	15.04.08.	19.04.- 19.04.	Bakuriani	44
Trainers (III flow)	20.04.08.	25.04. -24.04.	Bakuriani	44

The trainings focused on the enhancement of training skills of the participants and providing the knowledge about the methodology.

5. Training of DEC Members

Training of the DEC members were conducted through 2-level “cascade” system – regional coordinators were trained directly by **CEC/UNDP/IFES** trainers’ team and subsequently the regional coordinators trained the DEC members (duration of trainings – 2 days) DEC chairpersons were trained during 2 day trainings directly by CEC/UNDP/IFES trainers’ team on April 18-20, while from April 30 until May 5 they were trained by regional coordinators.

Target group	Start date	Duration	Place	Number of the participants
Lawyers	18.04.08.	1 day	Bakuriani	76
Chairpersons	18.04.08.	2 days	Bakuriani	76
Commissioners	1.05.08.- 3.05.08.	1 day	Appropriate Districts	76*13

DEC lawyers received special trainings about the authorities of DEC and PECs and procedures of submitting and consideration of applications/complaints in election administration. Representatives of ISFED, NGNI and GYLA participated in the meeting.

6. Trainings for PEC Members

Training of PEC members are conducted through 2-level “cascade” system – trainers will be trained directly by **CEC/UNDP/IFES** trainers’ team, trainers will train the DEC members.

Trainings of DEC members are conducted in 3 flows and their full duration is approximately 20 days. (See statistics of attendance of the training in annex 1)

Stage I. Training of the DEC chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Commission Secretaries (May 4-8)

(duration of the training – 1 day)

Stage II. Permanent PEC members will be trained during the Stage II. (duration of the training is half day). The training will mainly be focused on the functions of commission members on the election day. (registrar, ballot-box supervisor, queue supervisor, mobile ballot box and ballot-paper counter) In addition they will be briefed on the functions of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Commission Secretary (May 10-16).

Stage III. During this stage, on May 17-19, prior to the Election Day the trainers will re-train Commission Chairpersons and Commission Secretaries. The trainings will mainly be about the election procedures and counting procedures. (May 17-19)

	Target group	Start date	Duration	Place
Stage I	Chairperson, Deputy, secretary	04.05.08.- 08.05.08..	1 day	Appropriate precincts
Stage II	Commissioners	10.05.08.. 16.05.08.	- 2 days	Appropriate precincts
Stage III	Chairperson, Secretary	17.05.08.- 19.05.08.	1 day	Appropriate precincts

Additional trainings were provided for commissioners did not have possibility to attend the trainings within determined terms.

In order to ensure that the representatives of minority groups in election administration are maximally informed and have appropriate opportunities to conduct the election process and the incomplete knowledge of the Georgian Language is not the obstacle for their trainings, upon the decision of election administration, in the regions of compact settlement of minorities the trainings are conducted in the Armenian, Azeri and Russian Languages. Accordingly, each member of the commissions has the opportunity to have the appropriate knowledge for the conduct of the election process, regardless of the level of their state language proficiency. When selecting the trainers in the regions of the compact settlement of minorities, the CEC gave preference to those candidates who are fluent in both state and minority languages or represent the minority groups themselves.

7. Trainings for the CEC Hot-line Staff

The CEC has conducted trainings to prepare “the Hot-Line” staff. The staff trainings were held in several stages and apart from the CEC trainers, the representatives of NGOs “New Generation-new Initiative” and GYLA took part in the training process.

I training	8.04.08.			
II training		20.04.08.		
III training			07.05.08.	
IV training				17.05.08.

8. Training of Mass-Media representatives, NGOs and Political Parties

On May 3 the seminar for journalists: “Authorities of the representatives of press and other means of mass-media“was conducted. The Rights’ of media means, the procedure and timeline of their accreditation, the rule of pre-election agitation, the rule of the use of administrative resources, the procedure of submitting and consideration of applications/complaints in the election administration and other interesting topics were discussed during the seminar. Ainar Russaar, an Estonian media-expert shared his experience on the topic of “The role of the media in the election process”.

On May 3 the seminar for the representatives of NGOs and political subjects on the topic “Authorities of NGO observers and representatives of election subjects” was held. The Rights’ and responsibilities of observers and representatives of election subjects, the rule of lodging an appeal to the Court by observer organizations (observers) and representatives of election subjects and other important issues were discussed at the seminar.

9. Training Manuals and Supporting Materials

CEC/UNDP/IFES joint working group prepared supporting training manuals for the trainers, as well as the DEC and PEC members. Trainers' supporting manuals were translated into the Russian Language, while the guideline instructions for the PEC members were translated into the Azeri and Armenian Languages as well. All the members of the commissions were provided with the manuals.

In order to ensure the appropriate conduct of the trainings, different types of illustration materials were printed that were also translated into the Russian, Armenian and Azeri Languages.

In cooperation with the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) 3 types of informational brochures were developed and translated into the Russian, Armenian and Azerbaijani Languages about the following topics: voters' Rights' and the formation of the voters' list, polling day procedures, election system

THE LIST OF THE MANUALS

	Georgian	Russian	Azeri	Armenian
CEC/UNDP/IFES				
Supporting manual of trainers	160	20		
Manual for DEC members.	12 000			
Manual Instruction for PEC members	50 000	4000	2500	2000
CEC/ECMI				
About the voters' Rights' and the formation of the voters' list		6000	5000	3000
About the E-day procedures		6000	5000	3000
About the election system		6000	5000	3000

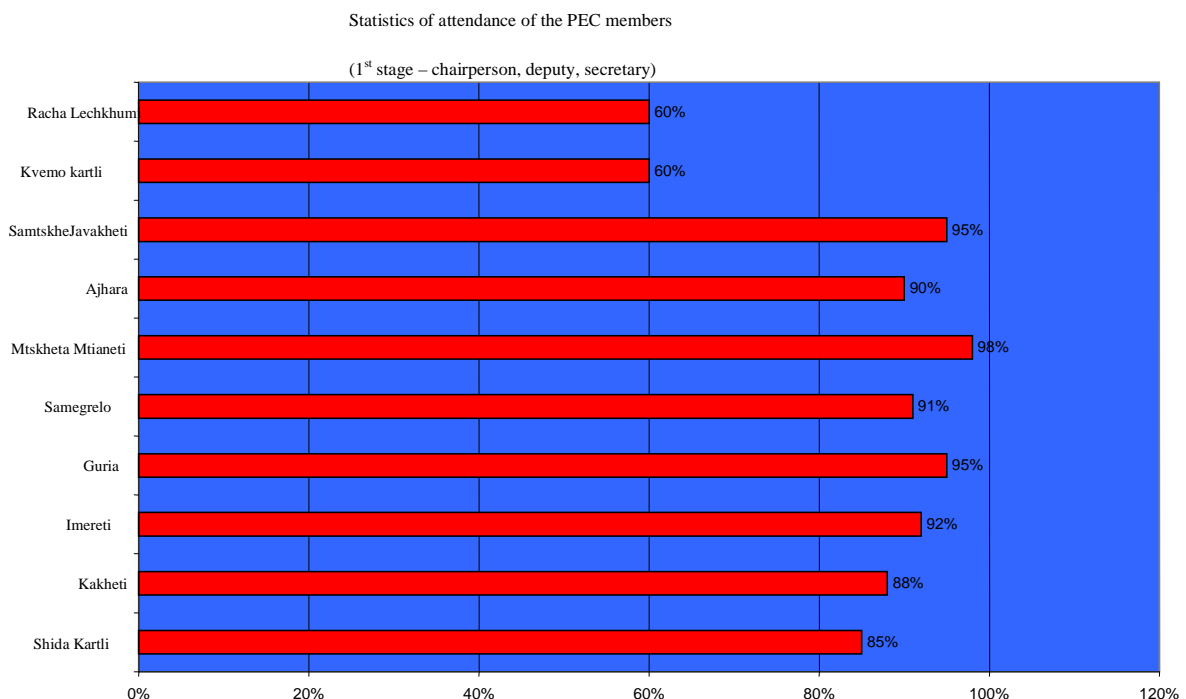
10. Monitoring of the trainings

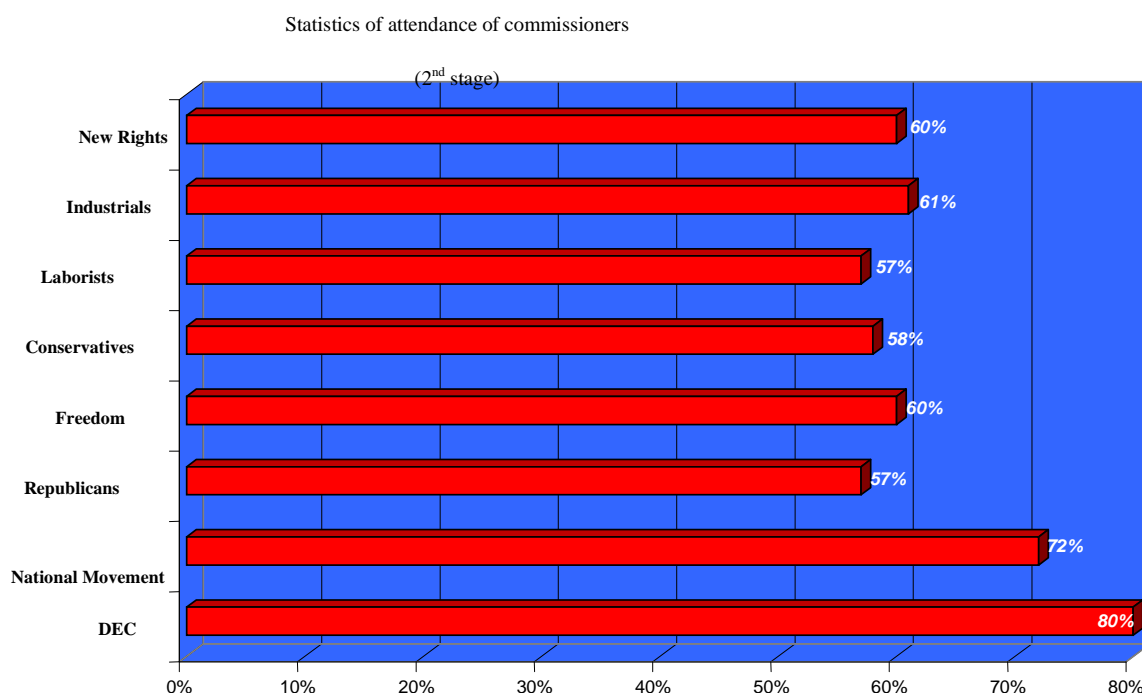
The **CEC/UNDP/IFES** team conducts the monitoring of the trainings during the process of the trainings, all the regions of Georgia are covered to the maximum extent, upon the completion of each training stage the training team holds the evaluation meetings on the basis of which the assessment of the trainings is conducted. Apart from this the representatives of the OSCE and the Venice Commission also carry out the monitoring of the trainings.

11. Cooperation with International and Non-Governmental Organizations

In the course of the conduct of the trainings the CEC Trainings and Development Office carries out its activities in cooperation with the UNDP project “Enhancing the capacity of election administration for Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008” and IFES. In addition such NGOs as GYLA, NGGI, ECMI and other interested organizations are involved in the training and consultation process.

Annex #1





Activities performed by IT Department for the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008

1. Voters Lists

Clarification of voters' list is key task of any elections. The CEC has own database of voters' list, based on appropriate databases of the Civil Registry of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Refugees and resettlement, integrated in one structure by us.

It is to be said, that registry data were revised jointly with the civil registry, in purpose for development of mentioned database. Appropriate office of the CEC established data structure and auxiliary bases (codifiers), resolved many problems and distributed voters' lists to appropriate precincts.

It is to be mentioned that the process of revision of the list is permanent and should reflect any changes made in the registry interim elections.

In purpose for clarification of voters' list for Presidential Elections of 2008, following tasks were accomplished:

Civil Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, in accordance with Election Code of 5 February, 2008 and based on agreements of April 16, May 2 and May 6 provided available information on changes made to the list. Accordingly the IT Department:

- Changed analyses of all databases;
 - Coded and corrected all data in accordance with standards accepted by the CEC (fonts, structure);
 - Corrected addresses (especially in villages);
 - Clarified technology of integration of these data to main database.
1. According to Election Code of January 31, 2008 and based on agreement of April 29, the Ministry of Refugees and Resettlement provided database of IDP voters, consequently:
 - Provided database was analysed;
 - Most of the data were coded and integrated to unified database;
 2. At Presidential Elections of January 5, 2008 it was allowed to use additional Voters' List. The CEC jointly with District Election Commissions analyzed additional lists, collected information and determined plan for their procession.
 3. On April 13, 2008 the CEC published Voters' List according to condition of February 1. The list contained 3 473 090 voters. 66 740 new data (21 647 from additional list and 45066 from Civil Registry) were added to the list, compared to Presidential Elections. Data of 17 900 deceased citizens were removed from the list. Besides 235 620 data (name, surname, date, address) were corrected.

The lists were posted at the precincts, for revision. Besides each citizen was able to check own data by means of hot line and SMS service, provided by civil registry.

Work on perfection of Voters' Lists was being continued

According to condition of May 7, the List contained 3 463 792 voters; about 25 000 data were added to the list, among them about 13 000 of persons which recently became of 18. About 42 000 data were corrected (name, surname, date of birth and address); besides 27 000 duplications were removed from the list (based on data of civil registry).

Based on application of the owner, data of citizens with abolished registrations were removed from the list (abolished registration – about 5000 and left citizenship – about 2200).

It was indicated next to 6500 voters, that they have left abroad for residing.

Final corrections were made to the list by May 12; the list contained 3 465 736 voters.

It is to be mentioned that 13 409 voters checked their data through hot line and about 10 000 via SMS.

3. Information received from various institutions (consulate offices abroad, military divisions, prisons and so on) was also processed, simultaneously with perfection of the lists. Voters included into special list were indicated in Unified Voters' List.

4. Following is to be distinguished regarding to the lists:

- Decision of the CEC regarding extension of the term for checking voters' data made final step of working on the list more complicated;
- Bilingual lists were printed for national minorities (Georgian – Azeri, Georgian – Armenian and Georgian Ossetian);
- Technology of locating Voters' List to the CEC web site was changed. In difference with previous elections voters could check themselves just by personal number and surname that decreased load on server;
- Two additional servers were purchased, in order to improve data processing and operation of the web site;
- Appropriate database was procured searching system was provided to all precincts of Tbilis and Kutaisi and to part of the precincts of Samtredia.

1. Processing elections results

Appropriate offices of the CEC developed special software for procession of the results of elections and implemented certain measures, supporting transparency of the process of calculation of preliminary results.

After closing of E-Day precinct protocols were scanned as soon as received and loaded on the website of the CEC;

Data of received protocols were being entered in 24 hours regime. Double entry and siting in the internet in real time was provided.

Information available on the website was being updated after entry of each precinct; any person had opportunity to observe vote tabulation procedure form Georgia or outside of it.

All these arrangements provided much faster procession of preliminary results. Qualified support of representatives of civil registry and significant assistance of foreign colloquies was really helpful.

In purpose of satisfying interest of society towards elections the CEC cooperated with Public Broadcaster and other TV companies, they were connected to appropriate server of the CEC and consequently all changes made to the information available on the website were broadcasted by TV channels.

Information on Activities Performed by Financial-Economic Department of the CEC for the Parliamentary Elections May 21, 2008

Financial provision of the Elections

The projects developed by the Department created the basis for the decrees #100 and #101 of CEC dated March 23, 2008. With the decree #100 23.03.08 salaries of district and precinct election commissions were defined, and with the decree #101 – number of the support and technical staff for the district election commissions were defined.

Based on decree #100 categories (first – over 100000; second from 50000 to 100000; third from 25000 to 50000; fourth up to 25000) were introduced for reimbursement of the staff of District Election Commissions. According to this decree the salaries of staff of District Election Commissions were determined in accordance with number of voters. This decree determined salaries of the personnel of precinct election commissions, which were in 25% increased compared to previous years.

On the grounds of the Decree #101 of CEC, the financial department has transferred the funds allocated for the support and technical staff hired by district election commissions; this decree provided to the DEC's possibility to recruit accountants, which submitted to the CEC the DEC financial reports (from 1 July to 15 July), within the terms determined by Election Code. Total amount transferred for supporting and technical staff compiled 543001.2 GEL.

On the grounds of the Article 44 of the Election Code of Georgia, the plan for funding the preparation and conduct of parliamentary elections May 21, 2008 was developed and submitted to the Ministry of Finance with the letter #01-05/485 of CEC dated 25.03.08. Based on the submitted financial calculations, CEC issued the decree #12 on March 31, 2008, which defined the rule for distribution and usage of the funds allocated by the state for the parliamentary elections.

For the parliamentary elections of Georgia May 21, 2008 a plan for funding the district election commissions were developed, which was approved with the decree # 13 of CEC dated 31.03.08. The decree allocated the funding for districts for the following expenses: transportation expenses, distinct expenses, inventory expenses, precinct expenses, salary for support and technical personnel. It is to be mentioned that, financing of the DEC's was increased in 40% and amount transferred for financing DEC's (PEC's) compiled 1375950 GEL.

A draft decree of CEC was developed, which created the grounds for the decree # 25 of CEC dated April 25, 2008. With this decree annex was made to the decree # 13 of CEC dated March 31, 2008, which regulates the rule for distributing and using the funds allocated by the district election commissions for elections. According to the annex, in necessary cases and with the purpose of ensuring effective financial provisioning for preparing and conduct of elections, the district election commissions (based on the resolution of the chairman) were made able to distribute the funding allocated to them.

It is to be mentioned that, based on the CEC decree #338 of May 15, 2008, government of Georgia allocated additional 8 million GEL from reserve fund for Parliamentary Elections ,May

21, 2008. The funds were distributed as following: labour reimbursement - 2889888 GEL; other goods and services – 4657112 GEL; non financial assets – 450000 GEL.

Allocation of sums from reserve fund and changes in the CEC accounting project caused incorporation of amendments and annex in the Decree #12, dated March 31, 2008; this was accomplished on the grounds of the Decree #34, dated May 30, 2008; according to which expenses of Parliamentary Election May 21 are as following: labour reimbursement – 18382415 GEL, other goods and services – 8688965 GEL, other expenses – 1500000 GEL, non financial assets – 1350000 GEL, total – 30921380.

It is to be mentioned, that one of the biggest expenses to be made in election period is labour reimbursement for precinct commissions; since 47814 were working in 3678 PECs. Circular letter of the CEC Chairman was sent to the DECs, giving instructions regarding calculation for labour reimbursement of PECs. The funds were transferred immediately after submission of calculations by the DECs. District Election Commissions could either transfer money for salaries to PEC accounts or issue in cash. Total amount of labour reimbursement for Precinct Election Commissions compiled 13572657.66 GEL (including income tax 3307420.28 GEL)

Expenses for financing election activities (up to June 25 2008) compiled: labour reimbursement - 15214601 GEL; goods and services – 5914359GEL, other expenses – 2002623 GEL, non financial assets – 1335509 GEL, total 24467092 GEL.

New computer accounting program was implemented at Financial Economic Department (Info Accounting) that made financial operations of the department more flexible. Appropriate training in Info Accounting was provided to the staff.

Financial Reports of Election Subjects

Election subjects received necessary number of votes, according to preliminary data of Parliamentary Elections, 21 May, 2008 submitted report on expenses made for elections, indicating financial recourse and auditory conclusion, in accordance with paragraph 6 of article 48 of Election Code.

Expenses of election subjects were as following: Shalva Natelashvili – Labour Party of Georgia - 283962 GEL; United National Movement – for Victorious Georgia – 12091793 GEL; the Joint Opposition (National Council, The Rights’) – 479310 GEL; Giorgi Targamadze – Christian Democratic Movement - 240439.81 GEL; “Republican Party of Georgia – 583734 GEL.

It is to be mentioned, that in purpose of monitoring finances spent by election subjects, the CEC initiated establishment of the group for financial monitoring, involving representatives of society, lawyers and licensed audits. The group provided trainings to managers and accountants of the funds of election subjects. Besides the group arranged meetings on regular basis, that supported to effective submission of financial reports by election subjects.

The Group for Financial Monitoring submitted conclusion on financial reports regarding funds used for elections of May 21 of elections subjects received necessary number of votes determined by the Code.

Procurements

With the purpose of ensuring finances for the CEC and election activities, seven tenders were announced and respective agreements were made with the winners and following was procured: stationary for 282400 GEL; advertisement goods for 282400 GEL; cartridges for copiers for 491 345 GEL; mail and messenger service for 33 784 GEL; interpretation services for 50000 GEL; 900 portable computers for 1159200 GEL.

160 contracts, in total amount 7248 thousand GEL, were drawn for provision of above mentioned activities; among them with CODE Inc (Canada) on 206669 GEL for purchasing 11800 bottles of inking liquid and with Bereg C OAO B3X (Ukraine) on 42486 GEL for purchasing 300 ballot boxes.

All procurements considered in state plan for organizing elections were fulfilled effectively.

In the event of appointment of Elections Financial Economic department is ready for successful implementation of all activities (budget planning, financing of districts (precincts), and cooperation with the Ministry of Finance) related to financial provision of elections.

Expenses for Parliamentary Elections of 21 may, 2008

Central Election Commission of Georgia	Article	Amount
Financing Election Activities		
Salaries	21111	19,382,415.00
Contracted staff	221	798,370.00
Other goods and services	2210	10,000.00
Business trips	222	80,000.00
Office expenses	223	7,595,895.00
Representation expenses	224	119,700.00
Transport fees	228	85,000.00
Other expenses	2821	1,500,000.00
Non financial assets	31122	1,350,000.00
Total		30,921,380.00

