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**HEAD OF PRESENCE'S REMARKS TO THE MEDIA
ON THE ISSUE OF THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

Q: Now that the Central Election is left with four members, which is the solution offered by you or what do you see as the best solution: to replace the members, to continue like this or to reformat the CEC?

Ambassador Wollfarth: “This question on the CEC should be on top agenda. The Secretary General of the OSCE has recently highlighted that dialogue and interaction between the political parties is needed in order to add and do the utmost in building for more credibility and legitimacy of the CEC. This is needed for a smooth election and election preparation process. It is also a strong address to both political camps in doing constructively what is needed to ensure a good election preparation process involving all camps.

It is now very important for the government side, which means for the majority side, to reach out to create an atmosphere which allows steps ahead, as it is important for the opposition side to come up with constructive parts of that dialogue in order to fill up the full membership of the CEC. This interaction is much needed.

The elections are set for 23 June. In order to be successful elections for the country they have to follow democratic rules and part of that, clearly, is a fully functioning and fully legitimized CEC. So let me restate: credibility and legitimacy of the CEC should be worked on. It can function as it is right now, but more needs to be done and this needs positive interaction from political parties.”

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