

**Statement by the Delegation of Georgia  
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It is my privilege to address you, on behalf of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Georgia, and welcome the participants to the 2019 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Over the years, Election Administration (EA) of Georgia has been at the forefront of democratic transition, we were developing our electoral system gradually by considering recommendations of our international and domestic partners; we have transformed the Election Administration into the institution which is focused on providing effective and innovative services to various segments of electoral stakeholders and voters. We have initiated and implemented simplification of certain electoral procedures to comply with OSCE/ODIHR recommendations.

Notably, the EA regularly examines the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations and after each general election makes proposals to amend the election code and implement the recommendations. The CEC also establishes new platforms to improve cooperation with key electoral stakeholders in responding to ODIHR recommendations. CEC launched a new platform "Discuss Together" and one of the main aims is to discuss OSCE/ODIHR recommendations. The platform together with CSOs will prompt discussions and support analyzing election issues contributing to creating a common vision on election issues.

When we try to measure our success as EMB, the most important indicator is recognition from our voters; public opinion poll reassures us that we are on the right track as a considerable amount of voters positively evaluate our work. Both, reports of international organizations and public opinion polls indicate the positive assessment of EA performance which is a good source for measuring our achievements.

Of course, there are challenges that we respond to with improved work and the introduction of good practices after each election. The election administration is a voter-oriented institution that conducts its activities in line with professional principles and serves voters to ensure that their votes are accurately reflected in the election results.

We together with other electoral stakeholders are the members of the electoral reform group established by the Parliament which strives to address OSCE/ODIHR recommendations. It is planned to shift from the mixed electoral system into proportional by 2020 which will be of great importance for the democratic development of our

country. Constitutional amendments are being prepared and public discussions are being held already in this regard.

We together with other key electoral stakeholders are ready to continue addressing OSCE/ODIHR recommendations to bring election processes into compliance with the international standards, boost democratic process and serve as a role model in the region.