



## PRESS ADVISORY

### OSCE ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO RELEASE A PRELIMINARY STATEMENT ON THE GEORGIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 19:00

*Tbilisi, 1 November 1999* – In connection with the parliamentary elections on 31 October, the OSCE Election Observation Mission deployed on election day some 200 accredited, international observers from 27 countries throughout Georgia. The observers followed the voting, counting, and summarisation procedures at the polling stations and the District Election Commissions.

On Monday, 1 November at 19:00 at the Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel in Tbilisi, Nerikala conference room, the OSCE Election Observation Mission will issue a preliminary statement containing its initial findings. Mr. Bruce George (MP, United Kingdom), Head of the OSCE Parliamentary Delegation and Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, who led the short term observers, in conjunction with Mr. Nikolai Vulchanov, Head of the ODIHR Election Observation Mission, will issue a preliminary statement. The ODIHR mission has been observing the election process in Georgia since 23 September. The statement will contain preliminary findings from the pre-election period, election day voting, counting and summarisation procedures.

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