

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL
ELECTORAL COMMISSION HELD ON
2 JULY 2010 AT 12:05 CET AT THE NEC'S HEADQUARTERS**

On 2 July 2010 at 12.05 CET a press conference was held at the headquarters of the National Electoral Commission concerning the second round of the Polish Presidential Elections.

The following participated in the conference:

NEC's Chairman	Judge Stefan Jaworski
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NEC's Deputy Chairman	Judge Jan Kacprzak
	Judge Stanisław Kosmal

Members	Judge Maria Grzelka
	Judge Włodzimierz Ryms

NEC's Secretary and Head of the National Electoral Bureau	Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki
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NEC's Chairman Judge Stefan Jaworski opened the conference by reminding the rules of the vote on 4 July 2010. Polling stations throughout the country will be open from 6:00 to 20:00 CET. However, in 49 polling stations abroad, mainly in the North and South America, due to time differences, the vote will take place on Saturday 3 July 2010.

NEC's Chairman informed that the vote would be held in the same polling stations as on 20 June 2010, yet the polling station no. 12 in the currently renovated building of the Silesian Center of Rehabilitation in Ustronie would be excluded from the vote. The electors received from the mayor certificates entitling them to vote in a different polling

station. The second round of the election will be held in 25 773 polling stations.

Judge Stefan Jaworski reminded that before the vote on 20 June 2010, the municipal authorities had issued 319 858 voting certificates. The electors received then two certificates: one entitling them to vote in the first round, and the other – entitling them to vote on 4 July 2010. On 20 June 2010, 297 622 electors voted on the basis of the certificates. Community Offices informed that within the recent two weeks they had issued more than 40 000 voting certificates, and the certificates could be collected till the offices close on 2 July 2010. The certificates must bear the Community Office seal.

Electors bearing the certificates can cast their vote in any polling station in the country and abroad, yet they are removed from the electoral register in the area of their permanent residence.

On the day of the election, Local Electoral Commissions add voters on the registers only on the basis of a voting certificate which entitles them to vote in the second round of the election. The voting certificates entitling to vote on 20 June 2010 shall not be recognized.

Electors included on the electoral registers in hospitals and care homes who have left these places, are to be added to registers on the basis of documents certifying their discharge. Electors who are not included on the register, and who still reside in a given district, can be added to the electoral register upon confirmation by the Community Office. In addition, citizens who provide documents confirming their permanent residence abroad, are also eligible for voting upon presentation of a Polish passport. Persons admitted to hospitals can also be added to the electoral registers.

NEC's Chairman reminded that one is entitled to vote upon presentation of an identity document bearing a photograph to the Local Electoral Commission.

Judge Stefan Jaworski presented a ballot card with the names of the candidates listed in the alphabetical order. Electors cast their votes by marking an "X" next to the name of only one candidate. The Chairman informed that every ballot card must bear a seal of the National Electoral Commission and of the Local Electoral Commission.

Judge Włodzimierz Ryms pointed out that the National Electoral Commission received with satisfaction the fact that the first round of the Presidential Elections in the areas affected by floods proceeded without disruptions. The Judge emphasized that the situation there was still being monitored. A significant improvement in transportation

has been noted, which makes it possible to presume that the vote will proceed even more smoothly than on 20 June 2010.

Judge Jan Kacprzak stressed that since the commencement of the new Constitution of the Republic of Poland, i.e. 17 October 1997, the only body entitled to interfere in the media activity during the campaign and the election silence has been the National Council for Radio and Television, and not the National Electoral Commission. NEC is a consultative body and it only takes such action in the event of their own doubts or external queries.

Judge Maria Grzelka thoroughly explained the electoral silence issue, particularly with reference to the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, which on the day of the second round of the Presidential Elections will be collecting for the flood victims. The organizers of the event must make sure that the fund-raising of this kind does not spark electoral campaigning.

NEC also decided that the auction of a copy of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland bearing both candidates' signatures, performed by the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, was permitted. The auction would not constitute a violation of the electoral silence.

Judge Maria Grzelka pointed out that while promoting the participation in the election on the day of the vote was permitted, it should not be performed by the candidates for the President of Poland, members of their committees, as well as any public figures, whose opinions and preferences are generally known.

NEC's Secretary and Head of the National Electoral Bureau, Minister Kazimierz W. Czaplicki raised the issue of voting in recreational areas. He informed that NEC had taken action to supply Local Electoral Commissions with additional ballot cards. The total number of 2 million cards were issued there. Mayors and village mayors shall be responsible for the distribution of approximately 10% of the reserve.

Judge Maria Grzelka explained journalists' concerns about the coverage of the meeting of the head of Polish Diplomacy Radosław Sikorski and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The coverage of possible participation of the candidates in the meeting shall be of purely informative nature, devoid of any comments. The participation of the candidates in the meeting or the event itself shall not be treated as a violation of the electoral silence.

Judge Jan Kacprzak raised the issue of the vote by the blind persons, and stressed that similarly to the first round of the election, they can vote by means of a special template

covering a ballot card. The judge mentioned that every disabled person has the possibility to vote via a proxy.

Finally, Minister Kazimierz W. Czaplicki informed that the cost of the Polish Presidential Election had so far amounted to 97 million PLN, out of the forecasted 112 million.

NEC's Chairman Stefan Jaworski presented to journalists the schedule of press conferences for Sunday 4 July 2010. They will be held at 9.30, 14.30, 18.00 and 20.30 CET.

The announcement of the first partial results of the vote is expected to be made at 23.00 CET. Then, on Monday, after the reception of protocols from all polling stations and electoral districts and their verification by the National Electoral Commission, the official results of the Polish Presidential Elections shall be determined and announced.

It is expected that the ceremony of handing in the resolution of the National Electoral Commission on the election of the President of the Republic of Poland to the newly elected President will be held on Tuesday, 7 July 2010 at 12:00 CET at the Royal Castle. All the candidates, their representatives and other distinguished guests representing the Republic of Poland have been invited to the ceremony.