

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION AFTER THE
PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON**

04.07.2010 AT 9:30 a.m. AT THE NEC'S HEADQUARTERS

On 4 July 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the headquarters of the National Electoral Commission, the last press conference concerning the second round of Presidential Election was held.

The following participated in the conference:

NEC's Chair

Judge Stefan Jaworski

Members

Judge Włodzimierz Ryms

Judge Stanisław Zabłocki

NEC's Secretary, Head of the National Electoral Office

Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki

The NEC's Chair, Judge Stefan Jaworski opened the Press conference and provided information on the first hours of the vote in Poland and abroad. Judge Jaworski informed the journalists that in the second round of the election 30 271 380 persons are eligible to vote. 10 785 electors will vote through an attorney.

The Chair of the National Electoral Commission reminded the journalists of the rules of the voting using ballot cards. Thus, we vote for one of the two candidates by affixing an "x" mark before the name of the relevant candidate. The ballot card shall be invalid if none or both candidates are voted for by placing "x".

Next, Judge Włodzimierz Ryms provided information on the course of the vote in Poland. The voting started at 6:00 a.m. in all polling stations. No delays or events justifying delays were noted. However, there occurred some incidents, i.e. three members of the Local Electoral Commission arrived at the polling stations under the influence of alcohol and therefore were dismissed from the composition of the commissions.

Judge Włodzimierz Ryms also mentioned the incidents violating the election silence. The scale of the violations was insignificant - only 30-40 minor incidents related to removal or covering of the election placards of the counter-candidates or distribution of agitation leaflets were reported.

Next, Judge Stanisław Zabłocki presented information on the turnout as at 8:00 a.m. and read the announcement of the NEC on the number of electors registered on the electoral lists and the number of electors who received ballot cards by 8.00 a.m. in the second round of Presidential Election held on 4 July 2010:

I. Aggregate countrywide information

The National Electoral Commission on the basis of information received from **25 499** local electoral commissions out of **25 505** local electoral commissions appointed countrywide provides the following information valid as at **8.00 a.m.** on 4 July 2010:

1. The number of electors eligible to vote in the election, i.e. number of electors registered on the electoral lists in individual polling stations amounted to **29 810 087**.
2. **751 828** ballot cards were issued to the eligible voters which constitutes **2.52%** of the total number of eligible voters.

II. Aggregate information broken down by the cities with the population exceeding 250 thousand:

<i>No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Total no. of polling stations</i>	<i>Number of polling stations submitting the data</i>	<i>Number of voters</i>	<i>Ballot cards issued</i>	<i>% (6:5)</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Białystok	164	164	223 890	5 501	2.46
2.	Bydgoszcz	205	205	280 353	8 386	2.99
3.	Gdańsk	216	216	349 803	6 091	1.74
4.	Katowice	165	165	242 955	6 893	2.84
5.	Kraków	457	457	570 455	18 163	3.18
6.	Lublin	211	207	265 741	8 130	3.06
7.	Łódź	397	397	575 970	13 497	2.34
8.	Poznań	298	298	419 004	10 946	2.61
9.	Szczecin	200	200	296 478	9 662	3.26
10.	Warszawa	848	848	1 254 609	32 866	2.62
11.	Wrocław	298	298	484 181	12 008	2.48

III. In comparison with the total number of the eligible voters in a particular area, the highest turnout has been noted in the borough (city) of Ustronie Morskie, Kołobrzeg district, Zachodniopomorskie Province (Voivodship), i.e. 20,17%

Judge Stanisław Zabłocki emphasised that in the voting in the 1st round of the election, the turnout as at 8:00 a.m. was much lower, i.e. 1.85% and reminded that in the second round it was 2.52%.

NEC's Secretary, minister Kazimierz Czaplicki reminded the journalists that the document authorising an elector to vote in addition to the picture should include the full name and residential address while statistical PESEL number is not required.

Minister Kazimierz Czaplicki further informed the interested parties that the removal of the placards and other agitation materials is the responsibility of individual electoral committees. Should they fail to do so within 30 days of the conclusion of the election, the removal thereof shall be the responsibility of the local authorities (mayor or president of the city) while the costs shall be charged to the relevant committees.

Judge Stanisław Zabłocki provided information on the election turnout in Rewal [a popular health resort] where it was the highest in Poland, i.e. 11% as at 8:00 a.m.; further, Judge Zabłocki said that at 9:00 this morning, the local electoral commission requested additional ballot cards.

Judge Włodzimierz Ryms informed the journalists that the next conference will be held at 2:30 p.m.