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**EU EOM's Chief Observer calls for
transparency and due process**

The post-election day phase is a critical part of any election. Therefore the EU Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) remains in Pakistan, focusing its observation on the results process and what system there is for access to remedy in case of shortcomings or disputes. The mission also observed the re-polling in Karachi on 19 May. Observers continue to have an important role to play in undertaking scrutiny, and in providing information and analysis that can help current and future elections.

"I strongly recommend the ECP to promptly provide full public information on the results of each and every polling station. Also publication of the final polling scheme, so that everyone knows where polling was scheduled and how many people were registered. Such transparency would be a significant step forward", says Chief Observer Michael Gahler, Member of the European Parliament.

In 2008 the EU EOM recommended that the polling station list should be made public well in advance of election day, and that polling station results be swiftly displayed at the constituency level and on the internet. The 2008 mission also called for the establishment of a system for complaints that would provide opportunity for remedy in cases where problems or disputes have arisen. Other international election observation missions and citizen observer groups from Pakistan have made similar recommendations.

The treaty monitoring body of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which Pakistan signed up to several years ago, has said that countries **"should proactively put in the public domain Government information of public interest. States parties should make every effort to ensure easy, prompt, effective and practical access to such information."** (General Comment 34). Article 2 of the ICCPR refers to everyone having access to effective remedy.

The mission will issue its Final Report - with recommendations for future elections - at the beginning of July. The EU EOM Preliminary Statement issued on 13 May and the results of the EU EOM's media monitoring can be found on the mission's website.

Note to Editors:

The EU EOM is independent of the EU institutions and EU Member States. The EU EOM operates in accordance with the "Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation" endorsed under the auspices of the United Nations in 2005.

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