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Transparent tallying: one more expression of exemplary election process in Libya

Tripoli, 18 July 2012. The European Union Election Assessment Team (EU EAT) to Libya has been assessing the conduct of the 2012 General National Congress Election, and following its preliminary statement presented in Tripoli on 9 July, it continued its assessment of the remaining aspects of the process.

Following yesterday's conclusion of the tallying and subsequent announcement of the preliminary results of the election by the High National Election Commission (HNEC), the Head of the EU EAT, Mr Alexander Graf Lambsdorff stated: *"The exemplary tallying is the icing on the cake of an exemplary election process."* He added that: *"The tabulation of results at the Tally Centre in Tripoli has been transparent, open, with full access offered to the EU EAT, including in the cases of some difficult polling stations."*

The HNEC has been attentive to meet the citizens' legitimate expectations to receive prompt and reliable information. The HNEC's Board of Commissioners efficiently planned and implemented the timely delivery of partial preliminary results on a daily basis.

Alexander Lambsdorff also stated that: *"As a matter of neutrality, the EU election observation or assessment missions do not comment on the results of the elections, but the process that led to these results invests them with a high degree of credibility."*

The plans of the HNEC to post online the preliminary and final results per polling station are strongly welcomed by the EU EAT. Such measures, if implemented timely, will further enhance the transparency of the overall election process, in line with international commitments to transparency.

The EU EAT remains in Libya to assess the complaints and appeals process. It will issue its final assessment in a final report to be presented to authorities in two months after the completion of the electoral process with recommendations for future elections.

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