

IATF Recommendations

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The Interagency Task Force for Free and Fair Elections created under the Ministry of Justice of Georgia,

Declaring, that being responsible for facilitating the conduct of Local Government Elections of 2014 in a transparent and fair environment,

and issues the following recommendations to:

1. Prosecutor's Office:

The IATF reminds the prosecutorial bodies of the recommendation issued for the by-election of 2013, according to which it is desirable:

To refrain from interrogations for investigative purposes of those directly involved in the pre-election campaign of Local Government Elections 2014 until the polling day, unless required by the exigent circumstance or when there is a risk of violating statutory time-limits for investigation;

2. Political parties participating in the elections:

The party / election block / initiative group should submit to the IATF list of these people who are directly involved in the pre-election campaign. Number of the people in the list should be reasonable and realistic, so that such a list not be a tool for avoiding or disturbing investigative measures.

Conduct of the Local Government Election in a fully democratic environment is a very important priority stated by the country. Correspondingly, the IATF does not limit its recommendations only to the observance of statutory requirements; it therefore encourages all the public agencies and their civil servants to observe highest standards of fairness and transparency.