
THE COMMITTEE FOR OPEN DEMOCRACY PRAISES CONDUCT OF SLOVENIAN PRESIDENTIAL RUNOFF

“Election Continues Solid Legacy of Election Observing in EU Nation”

LJUBLJANA – December 3, 2012 – Quick result reporting and well-prepared polling station workers are two positive elements of the December 2nd Slovenian Presidential runoff election, according to The Committee for Open Democracy. The National Electoral Commission of Slovenia reports The Committee is the only international organization to formally monitor the second round of the presidential balloting. The first round was conducted on November 11th.

“The Committee is impressed with the overall organization of the presidential election second round”, said Executive Director Brian Mefford. “The election meets international standards –consistent with Slovenian traditions and the Slovenian people are to be congratulated for exercising their franchise with dedication, thought and care.”

Mefford said The Committee was particularly impressed with the early reporting of Election day results on election night and the training of precinct employees who were prepared and rested throughout the day to assist voters casting ballots and then the subsequent vote counting.

“Slovenian citizens knew relatively early on Sunday evening, the 2nd, of the choice they collectively made in the second round of these important presidential elections. The balloting during the day and the vote count seemed to go smoothly and efficiently. This is a credit to a well-organized electoral effort by The National Electoral Commission of Slovenia and all of those participating in this presidential election,” said Committee President Tom Nolan.

The National Electoral Commission of Slovenia reports that with 99.7 percent of the vote counted, former Prime Minister Borut Pahor, won just over 67 percent of the vote in the two-candidate runoff. Incumbent President Danilo Turk earned just under 33 percent. The Commission reports voter turnout of 41.95 percent which unfortunately is a record low.

The Committee for Open Democracy is an objective, non-profit organization observing and monitoring international elections for adherence to democratic standards of fairness which reflect the will of voters. More information about The Committee is available at www.committeeforpendemocracy.org and on The Committee’s Facebook page.

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