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**IEC Press Release**  
**Regarding the end of Electoral Campaigns and the Beginning of Silent**  
**Period**  
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Based on the 2010 Wolesi Jirga elections timeline, there are only 3 days left to Election Day and all the electoral preparations are at their final stages of implementation.

The campaign period for the parliamentary elections which began on 24 June 2010, officially ends tonight, Wednesday at 24:00 hrs, 15 September 2010. Following this deadline a silence period comes into force which will run until the end of the polling process. If the electoral campaign is continued during the silence period, any such activity will be deemed as serious electoral violation. Therefore, none of the candidates or their supporters shall continue their electoral campaign activities beyond the deadline and during the silence period.

In addition, the IEC would like to stress that the honorable Wolesi Jirga Candidates were obliged to register their movable and immovable assets with the IEC during the Candidate Nomination period. Wolesi Jirga Candidates are required to present their financial expenditure reports, after the end of campaigning period and 48 hours before the polling day. These reports should be submitted to the IEC Provincial Offices. If financial reports of any of the candidates do not reach the IEC 48 hours prior to Election Day, this will be considered an electoral violation and these will be introduced to the Election Complaints Commission.

It is worthwhile mentioning that all the sensitive and non-sensitive electoral materials have been transferred to the Provincial Centers and their further delivery to districts began on 13 September. Up to date there are no significant security problems reported. Moreover, the training of around 90.000 (ninety thousand) polling staff is continuing, to finish on 17 September 2010. The public outreach programs are ongoing, after having been increased in volume and frequency the last couple of weeks leading us to Election Day.

In order to ensure the transparency of the elections accreditation badges have been issued, (14) domestic observer entities, (20) international observer entities, (27) national media entities, (31) international media entities, (10) political parties and to the (1580) candidates of the parliamentary elections. In total, more than (298022) ID cards have been issued to the observers, monitors and reporters.

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