

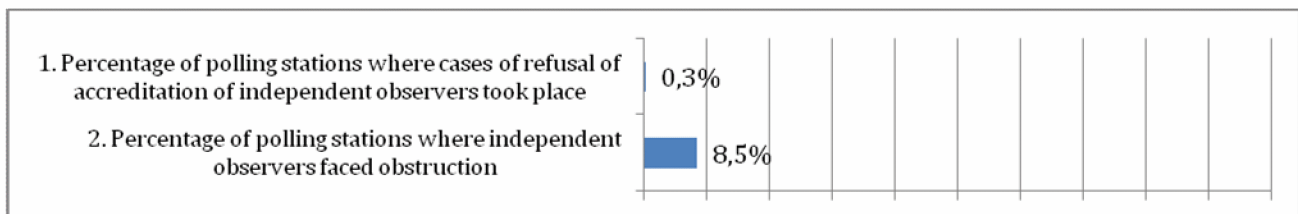


HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FOR FREE ELECTIONS

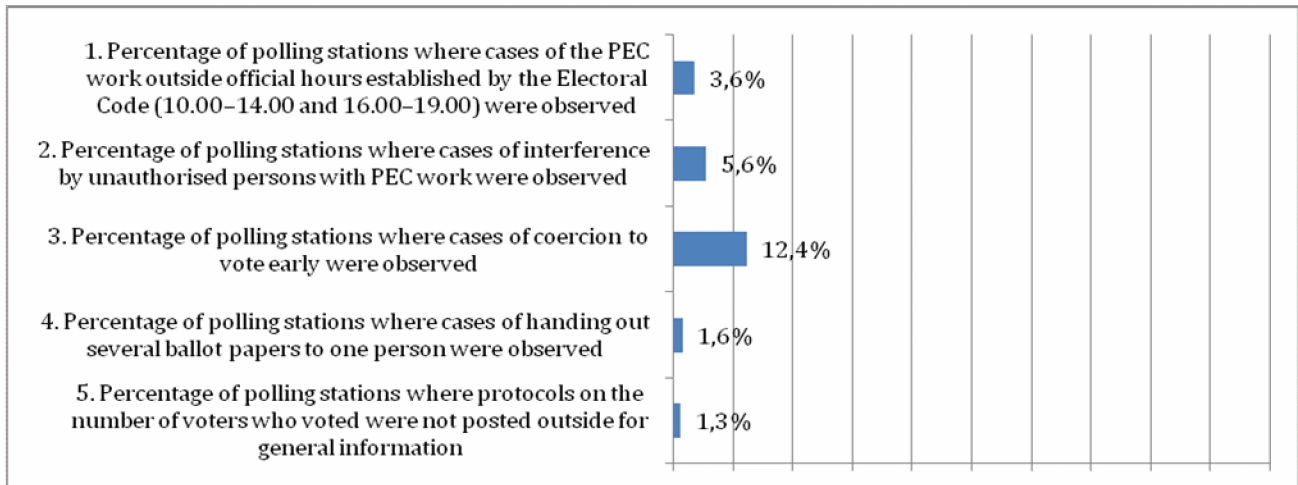
Election of the President of Belarus 2010: Preliminary Monitoring Report on the FOURTH Day of Early Voting (17 December)

Minsk, 10:00 am, 18 December – 600 short-term and 80 long-term observers of the “Human Rights Defenders for Free Elections” campaign are conducting daily observation of early voting at 300 polling stations throughout the country – in Minsk, regional and district centres, and other urban and rural settlements. Reports from the polling stations are processed on a daily basis and comprise a representative sample (observation covers 4.7% of 6,346 polling stations on the territory of the country), allowing for the assessment of general trends of early voting in Belarus. The statistics in bar charts below refer to 306 polling stations, reports from which have been processed by 10:00 am on 18 December.

Conditions for observation



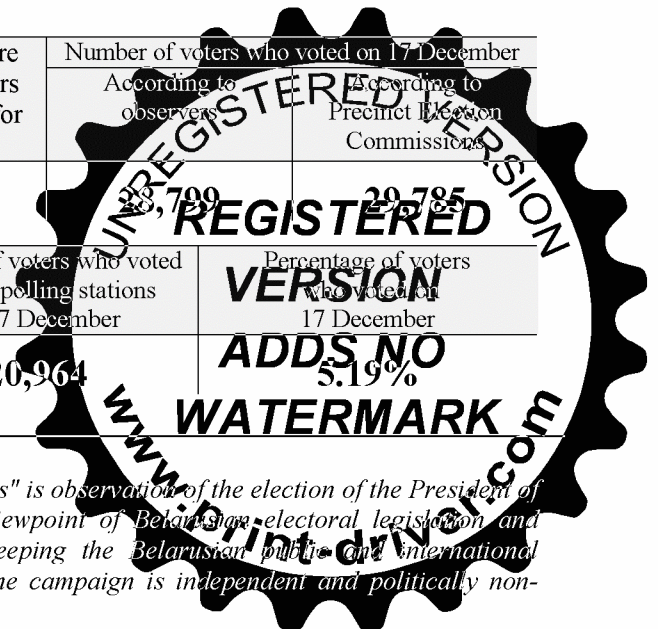
Violations observed



Participation in early voting

Number of polling stations from which observer reports were received by 10:00 am on 18 December	Number of polling stations where protocols on the number of voters who voted were posted outside for general information	Number of voters who voted on 17 December	
		According to observers	According to Precinct Election Commissions
306	302	23,799	29,785
Number of polling stations where the data on the number of votes was available	Number of voters registered at these polling stations	Number of voters who voted at these polling stations on 17 December	Percentage of voters who voted on 17 December
224	403,780	20,964	5,19%

The aim of the campaign "Human Rights Defenders for Free Elections" is observation of the election of the President of Belarus in 2010, assessment of the electoral process from the viewpoint of Belarusian electoral legislation and international standards of free and democratic elections, and keeping the Belarusian public and international community duly informed about conclusions of the observation. The campaign is independent and politically non-



engaged. More information about the campaign can be found in the websites of the Human Rights Centre "Viasna" (<http://spring96.org>) and Belarusian Helsinki Committee (<http://www.belhelcom.org>).

