



MINORITIES IN 2012 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OBSERVATORY



MINORITY LANGUAGES IN ELECTIONS

In the preparations for the parliamentary elections 2012, three main minority languages – Armenian, Azeri and Russian - were used by official agencies such as Central Election Commission, Public Broadcaster and regional TV channels. As a new approach, the CEC established a Working Group on Minority Issues with the purpose to support ethnic minority voters in understanding the electoral procedures. The WG consists of 17 national and international organizations, including minority organizations and two media outlets – Public Broadcaster and Radio Imedi.

Concerning the use of minority languages by political parties, only one party presented their programmes in minority languages.

Official documents	Central Election Commission	Other public institutions			
	Election procedures in minority languages				
	Working Group on minority issues and interim report				
	Small grants on minority awareness for the members of the Working Group				

	“National Minorities” special link in minority languages				
Party Programmes	UNM	Christian Democratic Movement Party programmes in minority languages	Coalition Georgian Dream	Labour Party	New Rights
Media & Local Broadcasting	1st Channel Overview of party programmes on minorities news in minority languages	Rustavi 2	Imedi	Local channels Operated in minority languages and presented party programmes in minority languages	.
Public presentations & campaigns					