

Electoral Update up to December 15, 2009

- IHEC operational planning is underway to meet March 7, 2010 Election Day- a date announced by the Iraq Presidency Council.
- Operational planning date for Special Voting for police, military, detainees, and hospitalized is currently planned for March 4.
- IHEC Board of Commissioners adopted the amendment to the existing Candidate Nomination Regulation and the related procedures in order to meet the requirements that derive from the clarification of the electoral law, which was adopted by the Council of Representatives on December 6.
- IHEC announced the reopening of coalition registration for Christians for the period of three days December 13- 15, and the opening of candidate nomination nationwide for December 12-16. Candidate nomination has since been extended until 20 December.
- The preparation of the Final Voter List is nearing its completion. The allocation of approximately 18.9 million voters to roughly 50,000 polling stations is expected to be finalized in the coming week. A maximum of 400 voters are being allocated per polling station.
- IHEC Out-of-Country Voting (OCV) Committee has been established to coordinate the preparation and implementation of the OCV.
- An operational planning for the OCV has been kicked off by the IHEC. UNAMI has been requested by the IHEC to take a greater role in this operation, which is currently under review in coordination with IFES who will also provide support.
- IEAT advisors continue to provide day to day technical advice and support to the IHEC with the preparations of the upcoming parliamentary elections.