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- IHEC continues to progress with the ongoing preparations for January 16, 2010 on the basis of the 2005 election law which is still the legislation in force.
- The Commission has entered the final process of updating the Voter Registry for the CoR Election, which is in primary importance for the IHEC's operational preparations at this time. To date, more than 350, 000 forms requesting adjustments were processed and data entered at the IHEC DEC. The data entry process is planned to be completed by mid October.
- As per IHEC reports, more than 574, 000 voters requested services and slightly more than 935, 000 voters visited voter registration centres for checking purposes. Around 94% of the Voter Information Cards (VICs) are reported by IHEC to have been distributed throughout the country.
- It is critical that clarity on the election law be reached by October 15, in order to proceed without any operational impediments for January 16 elections, and thereafter immediately move forward with coalition registration and candidate nomination process.
- UNAMI SRSG Ad Melkert, in his visit this week to the IHEC, encouraged by the IHEC ongoing preparations for January 16, 2010 elections, addressed the media while praising the IHEC Board of Commissioners and its administration on their professionalism, determination and readiness to move forward with the plan for CoR January Elections.
- UNAMI with its implementing partners continues to provide technical support, advice and assistance to the IHEC.