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**Press Release on Preliminary Results Announced by the  
Independent Election Commission**

As the counting of votes and announcement of preliminary results from Afghanistan's 2009 Presidential Election proceeds, FEFA calls on the Independent Election Commission (IEC) to emphasize that the announced results are preliminary and subject to the adjudication process.

There have been many reported incidents of violations (irregularities, fraud) on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation has shared information with the Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) about over 350 incidents worth investigating. In accordance to Article 49 of the Electoral Law, final results can be announced only after the ECC addresses the complaints it has received.

To avoid any public confusion, it is imperative that the IEC, through media engagements and other mediums of public outreach continues to highlight that the announced results are preliminary and remain subject to the adjudication process run by the ECC. To assist the adjudication process, it is important that the IEC clarify some of the in-existent details about the August 20<sup>th</sup> Election Day. For example, the IEC needs to publish the complete list and details of initially planned polling centers that could not be opened on August 20<sup>th</sup> due to security and/or other concerns.

Furthermore, the Foundation calls on the ECC to investigate the reported incidents of violations with due diligence and utmost transparency. The Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan reiterates its commitment to continued cooperation in addressing the reported incidents in order to augment the transparency and credibility of the process.

Finally, the Foundation calls on all actors involved in the electoral process to practice utmost responsibility and patience, allowing the ECC to address the totality of violations, objections and complaints. Such patience and responsibility can only assist the credibility and acceptability of the 2009 elections.

---About FEFA:

The Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA) closely observes electoral processes in Afghanistan. On the 2009 Election Day (August 20<sup>th</sup>), the Foundation deployed 7137 observers all over Afghanistan. The Foundation has also observed the Independent Election Commission (IEC) administered vote tallying and preliminary results announcement process.