

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION HELD ON 13 June 2004 AT 10 A.M. HELD IN THE SEAT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION.

On 13 June 2004 at 10 a.m., the first Press conference on the election to the European Parliament was held in the seat of the National Election Commission. The following participated in the conference: Judge Jan Kacprzak, Deputy Chairman of the National Election Commission; Judge Włodzimierz Ryms, Member of the Commission and Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki.

Over 25 thousand Commissions commenced their work at 8 a.m. The polling stations will be open until 10 p.m. So far, the vote has been conducted without any major events or incidents that could disturb the course of the election.

The Deputy Chairman of the National Election Commission reminded that over 29 800 million Poles and 161 EU member states citizens are eligible for voting. 21 election committees that registered their list participate in the election. Amongst 1887 candidates for the European Parliament there are 54 Deputies for the Polish Parliament and 15 Senators.

The police operation to secure the elections started yesterday. Over 12 thousand policemen look after the safe course of the vote. On the basis of the Police report provided to the National Election Commission, there were only few incidents and events such as for example: in Warsaw, a car was held with a poster agitating for one of the election committees, in Wałbrzych, there were few instances of distributing the leaflets on the city buses and in Śląskie and Małopolskie Voivodships posters of some of the Election Committees were torn down and replaced with others. There were also some occurrences of stealing the EU and Polish flags. In one of the district election commissions, the Chairman had an accident and it was necessary to appoint new

Chairman. In Kraków, in two districts, the commission incorrectly sealed the ballot cards on the printed seal of the Regional Election Commission. Therefore, the cards had to be replaced.

The next conference, during which information on the ‘attendance’ is to be given will be held in the seat of the National Election Commission at 1.30 p.m. The subsequent information about the ‘attendance’ will be provided at 7.30 p.m.