

INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION HELD ON 13 JUNE 2004 AT 1.35 P.M.

On 13 June 2004 at 1.35 p.m. the press conference was held in the seat of the National Election Commission during which information on the course of the election to the European Parliament was provided. The following participated in the conference: Judge Ferdynand Rymarz, Chairman of the National Election Commission; Judge Jan Kacprzak, Deputy Chairman of the National Election Commission and Judges Włodzimierz Ryms, Andrzej Kisielewicz, Stanisław Zabłocki, Tadeusz Żyznowski, Members of the National Election Commission and Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki, Secretary of the National Election Office.

Ferdynand Rymarz, Chairman of the National Election Commission said that on the basis of data received by the Commission on an on-going basis until 12.00 p.m. from over 22 election commissions, so far 1 569 932 eligible constituents voted which constitutes 5.83%. Slightly higher attendance is noted in major cities and so, for example, in Warsaw – 7.68%, in Rzeszów – 7.03%, in Gdańsk – 6.81%, in Kraków – 6.45%, in Poznań – 6.09%.

The election continues without major incidents or disturbances that could have effect on its course. The National Election Commission, amongst other things, received information that in Lublin Voivodship, upon an elector intervention, one of the District Commission Members was excluded from its composition as he was not the resident in the area of its operation. In Gdynia, a voter under the influence of alcohol was held who disturbed public order. In Cracow, a woman dressed in a general uniform (from the period of the 3rd Reich) tried to enter one of the polling stations. She was accompanied by the media. After the police intervention, the woman was not allowed into the polling station. In Warmińsko – Mazurskie and Dolnośląskie Voivodships, heavy rains flooded

the cables of the fixed-line telephony which made exchange of information between the district and regional election commissions difficult. The lines are being repaired.

The subsequent conference in the seat of the National Election Centre will be today at 7.30 p.m. During the conference more information about the attendance will be given.