

## CIS Observer Team Monitored the Presidential Election in Turkmenistan

Upon the invitation of the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of Turkmenistan the CIS Observer Team performed monitoring of presidential elections which took place on 12 February 2017.

During the monitoring period the members of the Observer Team met with Chair of the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of Turkmenistan Gulmurad Muradov and visited voting stations in all precincts of Turkmenistan and the city of Ashgabat.

At the concluding press conference, which took place on 13 February, Head of the CIS Observers Team at the presidential election in Turkmenistan, Chairman of the CIS Executive Committee—Executive Secretary Sergei Lebedev summarized the work of the Observers Team both during campaigning and the election itself. He noted that the voting process was smooth and well-organized, with a high activity of citizens.



According to the observers, the presidential election was conducted in compliance with the Constitution and the Electoral Code of Turkmenistan, and, generally, in line with international standards for democratic elections.

Director of the IPA CIS IIMDD Dmitriy Gladei also participated in the work of the Observer Team.

## Staff Members of the Bishkek Office of the IIMDD IPA CIS Participated in the Conference, Which Took Place in the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan

Staff members of the Bishkek Office of the IIMDD IPA CIS participated in the conference “Strategy for Development of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz



Republic until 2021”, which took place in the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan.

The Conference brought together members of parliament led by Speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic Chynybai Tursunbekov, as well as representatives of governmental bodies and international organizations, heads of diplomatic missions and experts.

The participants of the Conference also discussed the main areas of the Strategy, which includes improvement of representative, legislative, control, analytical and international activities of the Jogorku Kenesh, as well as strengthening of the oversight activity of the parliament, and enhancement of the role of committees, parliamentary parties, and the Jogorku Kenesh machinery.