

# COALITION OF DOMESTIC ELECTION OBSERVERS (CODEO)

## MID DAY SITUATIONAL STATEMENT ON GHANA'S PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

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### INTRODUCTION

To contribute to the transparency and integrity of the 2004 Presidential and Parliamentary Election in Ghana, the Coalition of Election Observers (CODEO) deployed 7400 people across the country in the 230 constituencies in all the Ten (10) regions. This situational report is based on observations of polls by **CODEO** observers as at midday. **CODEO** is made up of thirty five (35) civil society, professional and some religious organizations.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Turnouts**

Turnout has been high. This illustrates voter enthusiasm and awareness.

#### **Political Campaigning**

Relatively free of direct political influence on voters at the polling station

### PREPAREDNESS OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION

#### **Election Materials**

Preliminary observation is that there were adequate supplies of the electoral materials at most polling stations that CODEO has observed.

#### **Time-keeping**

Voting generally started on time. Most polling stations started at 7am. There were however a few cases of delay. These, according to our observers were few and isolated.

### ELECTORAL INTEGRITY

#### **Performance of EC Officers**

The conduct of electoral officials has been professional. On the whole, they have displayed a lot of independence and neutrality.

□ **Privacy of Voting**

Arrangements at most polling centres provided enough privacy for voting.

□ **Performance of Party Agents**

Party agents have cooperated fully with the electoral officials.

**GENERAL CONCLUSIONS**

As at the time of this release voting generally has been peaceful, orderly with very few incidents reported to the **CODEO** secretariat. We hope that this situation will continue till the end of the poll and that the counting and collation will be conducted in a cordial atmosphere. We believe that all of us Ghanaians would cooperate in this exercise.

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