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**Afilon's Mobile App Tallied
Salvadoran Presidential Election Results**

GERMANTOWN, Maryland, February 3, 2014 – Observers from civil society groups in El Salvador piloted for the first time ever, the use of Transparencia Electoral, a mobile phone application, to transmit and aggregate in near real time presidential voting results on Sunday, February 2, 2014, as they became available. The first input came from the Complejo Educativo Manuel Jose Arce voting center in Rosario de Mora, province of San Salvador, only five minutes after the electoral count was completed there.

Moreover, hours before the Salvadoran Electoral Tribunal tallied a substantial amount of voting results from polling centers the aggregation of data sent via the Transparencia Electoral mobile app had already rendered an accurate electoral outcome. This outcome was based on a sample, with a 0.3% margin of error and 99% confidence level.

Today during a press conference at the Crown Plaza Hotel in San Salvador, the civil society groups that participated in the effort and Afilon, the company that developed the mobile app, validated the official electoral results. The validation contributed to instill confidence in elections that had taken place normally and without any irregularities affecting the vote count.

Together, Iniciativa Social para la Democracia (ISD) and Fundación Visión Democrática (FVD) deployed over one thousand observers to some 500 voting centers across El Salvador. From some of these centers, when polls came to a close, observers captured and transmitted voting results via cell phones using the Transparencia Electoral app. After the first transmission, others followed.

Afilon President Charles Vela stated: "This is the first time anywhere that voting tallies from polling centers have been input, transmitted and aggregated in near real time." Afilon is a company registered in the state of Maryland. "We have designed the application to work on Android, iPhone, and Blackberry phones," added Vela.

Afilon engineers created Transparencia Electoral for use in countries that rely on a laborious process involving physically transporting and digitizing paper ballots and tallies in order to obtain national electoral results, a process that takes hours. "Transparencia Electoral allows national electoral results to be available within minutes of data capture and transmission and decreases the cost of data processing" commented Vela.

Vela is a Salvadoran-American engineer and founder of the Jóvenes Talentos program at the University of El Salvador, which prepares Salvadoran youth to enter careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Vela established a similar program in the United States, receiving a Presidential Award from the White House for his contributions. Throughout his career, Vela has managed mission-critical, large-scale and complex programs that apply advanced technologies. His experiences cross various domains, including telecommunications, health, national security, and energy.

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