

Who requests them - or are they done automatically under certain circumstances?

Who supervises a recount and declares the final result?

Is there any recourse in the event of a challenged election? - Are the courts involved?

## **PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES**

Several days to a week before polling day(s), observers should travel to the area(s) they plan to observe in order to locate the polling stations and meet with the responsible local election and civic officials. They should discuss with these officials the preparations that are underway for the election and any problems that are being encountered or are anticipated.

It may also be useful to meet with local representatives of all political parties and with other observers. In this way, not only will observers be familiar with the location and with the individuals responsible prior to polling day, but they may also avoid duplication of effort with other observers and will have established an international presence in the community.