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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>The paper consisting of four parts analyses the functioning of Ghana's democratic system established in 1992, concerning its role in the elections and the democratic consolidation.</p> <p>It offers a good survey on the criteria-system of the democratic elections formulated in the specialized literature, preferably discussing the term of electoral reform. It focuses on the characteristic features of elections in Ghana from obtaining the independence in 1957. The paper emphasizes that Election Management Body (EMB) is considered as a key institution from the viewpoint of the democratic election, so it concentrates on the Ghana's fourth republic established 1992 and the activity of EMB. With reference to sources, opinions of experts on elections and observers at elections the author points out that the general elections in 2000 and its ensuing ones are assessed as "free, fair and transparent." It was also the time that the Code of Conduct of eight pages was accepted.</p> <p>The reviewer agrees with the author's conclusion as it says: „In sum, a cursory glance of elections in Ghana's fourth republic gives an indication that there are positive trends, both normatively and in practice, toward improving the conduct of elections and addressing the various challenges to strengthening elections as a means of consolidating democracy in the country. Thus, each successive election has seen an improvement from the previous as the paper has shown. It is therefore argued that in Ghana, where elections have for the most part become routine, there has been increased focus on strengthening the institutions that support electoral processes by the EC. This in the long run enhances the consolidation of the country's democracy"</p> <p>The study includes a wide range of references.</p>	<p>The authors appreciate the views of the reviewer and for the work done.</p>
Minor REVISION comments	<p>The reviewer suggests that the author should dedicate further research to Ghana's historical development and mainly to the elections between 1957 and 1992, from its independence to the fourth republic, however the reviewer admits that the length of the paper cannot include information and analysis</p>	<p>The suggestion has been well-noted. The authors would do much to ensure that our future work would examine details of elections in Ghana between 1957 and 1992.</p> <p>In the meantime, the authors have replaced the section 4.1. "The Beginning of a New Dawn of Hope for Africa (1957-1992)" with "The Role of Election and Electoral Reforms in Democratic Consolidation".</p> <p>This is to ensure that readers' attention are focused on the Fourth Republic as the title suggests so that future works will examine the details of elections from 1957 to 1992.</p>
Optional/General comments		