Background Assignment:

Hello, this is my submission for the background assignment of ZKU.

Part 1:

The commit adding the Hello World smart contract and a screenshot of the contract deployed is here.

More specifically, <u>here</u> is the contract source code, and <u>here</u> is the screenshot.

Part 2:

The commit adding the improved Ballot contract with description of the changes made is here, and here is the contract source file.

The function added to improve the original behavior is called *giveMultipleRightsToVote* and takes an array of voter addresses to operate on them instead of taking a single address.

Part 3:

The commit adding the screenshots of the gas fees associated to giving 10 voters the right to vote is here.

In fact, <u>here</u> is the screenshot of the gas fees of one call to the old *giveRightToVote* (48 657 gas). So, to give rights to 10 voters we need to call it 10 times, resulting in **486 570** gas used.

On the contrary, here is the screenshot of the gas fees of a call to the improved version (giveMultipleRightsToVote), which lets us call it only once to give voting rights to 10 voters, resulting in only 279 274 gas being used.

So, with our improved version we use **486 570 - 279 274 = 207 296** less gas than what we used to!