

Copenhagen, 2 May 2019

<u>Memorandum on the OSCE PA Observation of the</u> Early Presidential Election in KAZAKHSTAN, 9 June 2019

Delegation

An early presidential election will be held in the Republic of Kazakhstan on 9 June 2019, and following an invitation, the OSCE PA will deploy an election observation mission to this election.

OSCE PA members wishing to participate in this mission are kindly asked to return a **completed nomination form**, together with a copy of the photograph page from Members' passports, a digital photo, as well as the signed Statement of Nominated OSCE PA Election Observers and Code of Conduct to the International Secretariat at (<u>com@oscepa.dk</u>) as soon as possible, but no later than **Thursday 16 May 2019**.

Accommodation

Parliamentary briefings will be held in Nur-Sultan on 7-8 June 2019. The Temporary OSCE PA Headquarters will be located in Nur-Sultan as well. The International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will distribute the details on the recommended hotel for accommodation in Nur-Sultan as soon as possible.

Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 6 June 2019 All day	Arrival of observers
Friday, 7 June 2019 12:00- 12:30 (TBC) Afternoon (TBC)	Briefing on the Mission for new OSCE PA observers (RSVP to <u>iryna@oscepa.dk</u>) Parliamentary briefings
Saturday, 8 June 2019	
All Day	Parliamentary briefings <i>(cont.)</i> Regional Deployment Meeting with Drivers and Interpreters
Sunday, 9 June 2019 All Day	Observation at Polling Stations
Monday, 10 June 2019	
08:00	De-Briefing for PA observers in Nur-Sultan
Afternoon	Press-Conference in Nur-Sultan
	Suggested departures of observers



Briefing on Mission for new OSCE PA observers

We kindly invite new members to attend the Briefing on the Mission aimed at providing useful information on the general framework of PA observation missions. Those interested are kindly requested to confirm their participation to the Secretariat (iryna@oscepa.dk) at their earliest convenience. Please note that participation in this briefing is particularly recommended for observers attending an EOM for the first time.

Election Day and Deployment

On Election Day, Members will generally work in teams of two. Members are encouraged to consider observing with colleagues from other parliaments, to make a multi-national team.

We kindly ask you to mark your preferences regarding deployment in the observer nomination form. The International Secretariat will try to take your preference into consideration while preparing the deployment plan for the Mission. We also kindly encourage to consider deployment outside the capital, including in a location with overnight stay. Please note that additional locations may be suggested depending upon developments in coming weeks. Therefore, we ask observers NOT to make specific travel arrangements (transportation/hotels) within the Republic of Kazakhstan without first consulting with the International Secretariat. This will help to ensure balanced deployment coverage for the observation mission.

Interpreter / Driver on Election Day

Further information on arrangements for cars/drivers and interpreters for our teams for Election Day will be communicated in due time. Please let the Secretariat know if your Embassy in the Republic of Kazakhstan will provide Members with a car or/and an interpreter during the Election Day.

Visa Information

We strongly advise observers to apply and obtain a visa well in advance of departing for the Republic of Kazakhstan by contacting the relevant consulate. Attached is the invitation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, welcoming an observation mission.

We would like to remind you that national parliaments are responsible for their own Member's expenses, including any hotel cancellations. We also urge Members to have health and travel insurance that is valid in the Republic of Kazakhstan.