



Copenhagen, 10 May 2021

Memorandum on the OSCE PA Observation of the 11 July Early Parliamentary Elections in Moldova

OSCE PA Election Observation Mission

Parliamentary elections are planned to take place in Moldova on 11 July 2021, and in anticipation of an invitation to observe these elections, the OSCE PA President has decided to deploy an Election Observation Mission to these important elections to work closely with the expected teams of the OSCE/ODIHR and the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and specifically to gathering limitations in Moldova, briefings will be held online in the days prior to the election, with observers expected to travel to Moldova only after participating in the online briefings and immediately prior to election day. The online briefing format is necessary to abide by gathering restrictions currently in place in Moldova. Observers are requested to consult the preliminary programme outlined below prior to making travel arrangements.

Nomination and Appointment of Parliamentary Observers

In accordance with the attached OSCE PA Election Observation Guidelines, national Delegations wishing to nominate their members to participate in this mission are kindly asked to complete and return to the International Secretariat at (eom@oscepa.dk) as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday 11 June 2021** the following:

1. The Delegation Nomination Form,
2. The completed CEC accreditation form,
3. An Individual Observer Nomination Form for each nominated observer,
4. A signed Statement of Nominated Election Observer for each nominated observer,
5. A signed Code of Conduct for each nominated observer,
6. A copy of the photograph page from each nominated observer's passport,
7. A photograph.

Please note that in accordance with the Guidelines nominated observers are not part of an observation mission before they have been appointed by the OSCE PA President. The International Secretariat will communicate the list of observers to delegations that have forwarded nominations following appointment by the OSCE PA President. Due to registration procedures, we may not be able to accommodate those who register after the deadline.

Online briefings, travel and accommodation

Briefings for observers will be organized fully online on 8 and 9 July, with observers expected to connect from their home countries. After participating in the full online briefing programme, observers are recommended to arrange their travel to Moldova in the afternoon of 9 July or on 10 July.

The International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will distribute a recommended hotel for accommodation in Chisinau in the near future.

Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 8 July 2021

ca. 09:00 – 18:00 CET Online briefings (connection from home country)

Friday, 9 July 2021

ca. 09:00 – 12:00 CET Online briefings (connection from home country)
Afternoon Travel to Chisinau

Saturday, 10 July 2021

Morning/afternoon Travel to Chisinau
ca. 14:00 – 20:00 Individual logistical meetings with observer teams in Chisinau

Sunday, 11 July 2021

All day Observation in polling stations

Monday, 12 July 2021

08:00-09:00 Online debriefing (connection from hotel rooms)
Afternoon Suggested departure of observers

Members are reminded that in accordance with the OSCE PA's Astana Declaration of 2008 and the Guidelines, participants are expected to participate in the full briefing programme as well as the debriefing on the day following the election.

Election Day

Subject to adjustments required by the health situation, on Election Day, Members will generally work in teams of two. Further information on arrangements for Election Day including related to costs for any cars/drivers and interpreters for Election Day will be communicated in due time. All interpreters and drivers will be required to take a COVID-19 test not earlier than 72 hours prior to taking up their duties and to demonstrate a negative result. The costs of such tests are to be reimbursed by observers.

Travel and Health Insurance

As a result of the COVID-19 response, a number of travel restrictions are in place in many countries, and Members are requested to consult with the appropriate authorities regarding travel procedures and access to the country. The International Secretariat will maintain close contact with the authorities in Moldova to ensure compliance with local health regulations.

The mission will work to put in place disease mitigation measures including social distancing where possible, however participants should understand that observation is a physical practice requiring interaction with a wide range of people. Observers are expected to comply with all national laws and regulations of the host country, including health regulations; please note that there may be additional costs related to compliance with health measures required by the authorities of Moldova or by the mission. **All participants are expected to obtain a PCR test for COVID-19 not earlier than 72 hours prior to arrival in Moldova.** Participants may be requested to demonstrate a negative result to such test; if the test indicates positive for COVID, observers are expected to not travel for the observation mission.

Members are requested to ensure that they have full health insurance coverage valid for the duration of their stay in Moldova.