



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

**Memorandum to Heads of OSCE PA Delegations
Elections in Kyrgyzstan and Albania**

Copenhagen, 28 April 2005

Following the recent change in leadership in Kyrgyzstan and the subsequent resignation of President Askar Akaev, presidential elections have been scheduled in Kyrgyzstan on 10 July 2005. The OSCE has been officially invited by the Kyrgyz authorities to send observers to these elections. The OSCE PA intends to send an observer delegation which will cooperate closely with the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and with other international observer organizations. President Alcee Hastings has asked Mr. Kimmo Kiljunen, Member of the Finnish Delegation, to head the OSCE PA observer delegation. **The deadline for registration is 17 June 2005.** Because of the timing of the OSCE PA Annual Session in Washington D.C. which will be attended by most Members of the Assembly, Heads of Delegation may wish to consider appointing Members of Parliament from outside their national OSCE PA delegations to take part in the observation mission.

Please find attached the registration form for Members wishing to observe the presidential election in Kyrgyzstan. Those interested in obtaining more information should contact Paul LeGendre at the International Secretariat.

I wish to remind you that English is the working language of the delegation and that national parliaments are responsible for all expenses of their members.

Parliamentary elections are scheduled in Albania on 3 July 2005. Because of the fact that the Annual Session will be taking place at this time, there may not be an official OSCE PA observer delegation for these elections. Should you have any questions about this election, please contact Tina Schon at the International Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer Oliver'.

R. Spencer Oliver,
Secretary General