

Memorandum to Heads of OSCE PA Delegations Elections in Albania

Copenhagen, 6 May 2005

As I notified you in my memorandum on 28 April, Parliamentary elections are scheduled in Albania on 3 July 2005. As you are aware, the timing of these elections conflict with the schedule of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Annual Session which will take place in Washington from 1-5 July. We have, however, received indication that some Parliaments are interested in sending Members to observe the elections in Albania. In order to determine whether we will go ahead and send an observer delegation to the elections in Albania, I would like you to notify us as soon as possible of Members who would be interested in participating. 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 Parliamentary election in Albania. The deadline for making a preliminary registration for this mission is 17 May. Once we know how many Members register, we will determine whether or not we can field an observer delegation. Please forward registration forms to the OSCE PA Liaison Office in Vienna (Fax: +431 52 22 684) with a copy to the international Secretariat in Copenhagen.

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.

Yours sincerely,

R. Spencer Oliver, Secretary General