

The Secretary General

To: Heads of all OSCE PA Delegations CC: Secretaries of OSCE PA Delegations

Copenhagen, 21 January 2010

Dear Heads of Delegations,

Following the presidential elections in Ukraine on 17 January, a second round will take place on 7 February 2010. The OSCE PA will send an election observation mission to the second round, again under the leadership of President Joao Soares.

Members who observed the first round of the elections, who are willing to go back to observe the second round, need to bring their accreditation badge back to Ukraine. Members who do not have their badge will need to complete the accreditation form and a new badge will be issued. We have received indications from the Central Election Commission that they will allow accreditation of new Members for this round. However, they will need to receive the completed forms **as well as a copy of their passport** for new registrations. Due to the short notice, the final deadline for the registration is <u>Wednesday 27 January 2010</u>. Please note that due to observer accreditation procedures, no late registrations will be possible.

Those interested in obtaining more information about the Election Observation Mission to Ukraine are asked to contact Deputy Secretary General Tina Schøn or Logistics Officer Petra Jezkova (petra@oscepa.dk) at the International Secretariat.

Please find attached the registration, deployment and accreditation forms. Please complete these forms for all Members interested in observing and return them as soon as possible. I also attach a hotel reservation form for Kyiv. The hotel deadline is also **Wednesday 27 January 2010.** We encourage deployment outside Kyiv, and further information on regional arrangements, including hotels, will be communicated soon.

We will organize a short a briefing programme in Kyiv on 5 February, however, Members who are unable to attend this can travel directly to and from their places of deployment. They should arrive in Ukraine no later than mid-day on 6 January and stay for the debriefing on Monday 8 January.

I also wish to inform you that national parliaments are responsible for all expenses of their members and that all meetings and briefings will be conducted in English only.

As usual, the OSCE PA will work in co-operation with the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and other international parliamentary institutions present during the election.

Yours sincerely,

Spencer Oliver, Secretary General