



The Secretary General

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

Copenhagen, 6 October 2009

Dear Heads of Delegations,

As announced by Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko at Permanent Council Meeting on 24 September 2009, the OSCE PA will be invited to observe the presidential election in Ukraine 17 January 2010. President João Soares has decided to deploy a full Election Observation Mission to this election and to lead the Mission himself. The International Secretariat expects to deploy Members throughout Ukraine before election day, and we hope that some Members will also be willing to participate in or lead pre-electoral visits to the various regions of the country, and then to be again deployed there just before the election. Details for the pre-electoral visits will be circulated as soon as possible.

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

Please find attached a registration form for Members wishing to observe these elections. Due to the Christmas break, we highly recommend returning the completed registration form along with a scanned copy of the Members' passport to the International Secretariat **before Thursday 17 December 2009**. The final deadline for the registration is Tuesday 5 January 2010. Please note that due to observer accreditation procedures, no late registrations will be possible. In addition, I would like to remind you that all observers are expected to arrive in Kyiv in time to attend the briefings on 15 January, and stay for the observer debriefing on the morning of 18 January. I also attach a list of possible deployment places and ask each member to indicate three wishes for deployment.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer Oliver', is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name 'Spencer Oliver' and the title 'Secretary General' are printed in a black, sans-serif font.

Spencer Oliver
Secretary General