

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

Copenhagen, 14 March 2014

Dear Heads of Delegations,

Parliamentary elections have been called in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for 27 April 2014, and following an invitation from the Speaker of the Assembly, OSCE PA President Krivokapic has decided to deploy an Election Observation Mission to this important election.

Please find attached a registration form for Members wishing to observe the election in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. We kindly ask you to return the completed form with a copy of the photograph page from Members' passports to the International Secretariat at (<u>eom@oscepa.dk</u>) as soon as possible, but no later than **10 April 2014**. Please note that due to registration procedures, we may not be able to accommodate those who register after the deadline.

The International Secretariat estimates an overall mission of 30 OSCE PA participants. To ensure geographical balance within the Assembly mission, we invite each national delegation to nominate no more than 10% of this figure (a total of 3 participants from each country).

Further information will be distributed to participants soon. Briefings for the mission are expected to be held during the 2 days before election day, and Members are reminded that in accordance with the OSCE PA's Astana Declaration of 2008, participants are expected to attend the full briefing programme as well as the de-briefing on the day following the election.

I wish to remind you that national parliaments are responsible for their Members' expenses and that only English interpretation will be provided in meetings and briefings.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Baker Director of Elections