

To: Heads of all OSCE PA Delegations

CC: Secretaries of OSCE PA Delegations

Copenhagen, 16 March 2015

Dear Heads of Delegations,

Parliamentary general elections in the United Kingdom are scheduled for 7 May 2015, and the OSCE PA will deploy an election observation mission to these important elections.

Please find attached a registration form for Members wishing to observe the elections in the United Kingdom. We kindly ask you to return the completed form with a copy of the photograph page from Members' passports, a signed copy of the attached nomination form, and a digital photograph of the Member to Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk at the International Secretariat at (<u>eom@oscepa.dk</u>) as soon as possible, but no later than **17 April 2015**. Please note that due to registration procedures, we may not be able to accommodate those who register after the deadline.

To ensure geographical balance within the Assembly mission, each national delegation may nominate up to 10% of the entire participation. We therefore invite each national delegation to nominate up to three participants.

Further information, including a detailed programme, will be distributed to participants soon. Briefings for the mission are expected to be held beginning 2-3 days before election day. 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 the mission will be conducted in English, with no interpretation provided in meetings and briefings.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Baker Director of Elections