



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

29 January 2018

Dear Heads of Delegations,

Presidential election will be held in the Russian Federation on 18 March 2018, and in anticipation of an invitation to observe, the OSCE PA will deploy an election observation mission to these important elections.

Please find attached a registration form for Members wishing to observe these elections. We kindly ask you to return the completed form with a copy of the photograph page from Members' passports, a digital photo, and the completed Code of Conduct for OSCE PA Election Observers to the International Secretariat at ([eom@oscepa.dk](mailto:eom@oscepa.dk)) as soon as possible, but no later than **16 February 2018**. 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 expected participation. **We therefore invite each national delegation to nominate up to ten participants.**

Further information, including a detailed programme, will be distributed to participants soon. Briefings for the mission are expected to be held during the 2 days before election day in Moscow, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iryna Sabashuk'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Iryna Sabashuk  
Head of Administration for Election Observation