

Copenhagen, 1 May 2018

# Memorandum on the OSCE PA Observation of the Early Parliamentary and Presidential Election in Turkey, 24 June 2018

#### **Delegation**

Early Parliamentary and Presidential elections will be held in Turkey on 24 June 2018, and following an invitation, the OSCE PA will deploy an election observation mission to these important elections.

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 6 (six) participants.

Members wishing to participate in this mission are kindly asked to return a completed registration form, as well as accreditation forms 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) by 25 May 2018.

#### Accommodation

Parliamentary briefings will be held in Ankara on 22-23 June 2018. The Temporary OSCE PA Headquarters will be located in Ankara as well. The International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will distribute the details on the recommended hotel for accommodation in Ankara as soon as possible.

#### **Preliminary Programme**

Thursday, 21 June 2018

All Day Arrival of observers

**Friday, 22 June 2018** 

All Day Parliamentary briefings

Saturday, 23 June 2018

Half Day(tbc) Parliamentary briefings (cont.)

Departure to Regional Deployment\*

**Sunday, 24 June 2018** 

All Day Polling Stations open

Evening De-briefing for observers deployed outside Ankara

**Monday, 25 June 2018** 

08:00 De-Briefing for observers based in Ankara

Afternoon Press-Conference in Ankara
Suggested departures of observers

\*Please note that observers deployed outside Ankara with overnight stay in their destinations will have debriefings conducted on the ground and are not requested to return to Ankara.



### **Election Day and Deployment**

On Election Day, Members will generally work in teams of two. You will find a list of the locations where we anticipate sending observers, as well as relevant accommodation and travel suggestions. Please note that additional locations may be suggested depending upon developments in coming weeks. **Therefore, we ask observers NOT to make specific travel arrangements (transportation/hotels) within Turkey without first consulting with the International Secretariat.** This will help to ensure balanced deployment coverage for the observation mission.

## **Interpreter / Driver on Election Day**

Further information on arrangements for cars/drivers and interpreters for our teams for Election Day will be communicated in due time. Please let the Secretariat know if your Embassy in Turkey will provide Members with a car or/and an interpreter during the Election Day.

## Visa Information

We strongly advise observers to apply and obtain a visa well in advance of departing for Turkey by contacting the relevant consulate. Attached is the invitation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, welcoming an observation mission.

We would like to remind you that national parliaments are responsible for their own Member's expenses, including any hotel cancellations. We also urge Members to have health and travel insurance that is valid in Turkey.