



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

February 5, 2019

Dear Heads of Delegations,

The next Presidential election will be held in Ukraine on **31 March 2019**. Please note that if no candidate wins more than 50 per cent of the valid votes cast in the first round, which seems very likely at this time, the second round will take place on **21 April 2019**. Following an invitation by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will deploy an election observation mission to this election. As usual, the OSCE PA will work in close cooperation/coordination with the ODIHR Long Term Mission deployed in Kiev and other parts of Ukraine as well as alongside other Parliamentary Assemblies (Council of Europe, NATO, EU).

Please find attached a registration form for OSCE PA members who wish 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 accreditation form as well as the signed Code of Conduct for OSCE PA Election Observers to the International Secretariat at ([eom@oscepa.dk](mailto:eom@oscepa.dk)) as soon as possible, preferably before **21 February 2019 and no later than the deadline for registration set on 1 March 2019**.

Please also find attached the letter of invitation we have received from the Speaker of the Parliament of Ukraine. Please note that it stresses the importance of taking into account several UNGA and OSCE PA resolutions, which are referenced in the letter, when organizing and executing the observation process.

We remind delegations that the OSCE PA attempts to ensure a geographically balanced delegation. Once we have reviewed the nominations, we will inform you about a possible ceiling to be applied to the number of observers from individual national delegations.

We expect that we will also deploy observers in regional teams, like we did in previous missions. Possible locations for the regional teams will be Kharkiv, Dnipro and Odessa.

Further information, including a detailed programme and on accommodation, will be distributed to participants in due course. Briefings for the mission are expected to be held during the two days before election day in Kyiv, 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Nothelle', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andreas Nothelle  
Ambassador