



Copenhagen, 4 March 2019

**Memorandum on the OSCE PA Observation of the
Presidential Election in NORTH MECEDONIA, 21 April 2019**

Delegation

Presidential election will be held in the Republic of North Macedonia on 21 April 2019, and following an invitation, the OSCE PA will deploy an election observation mission to this election. Please note that if no candidate wins more than 50 per cent of the valid votes cast, a second round is expected to take place on 5 May 2019.

OSCE PA members wishing to participate in this mission are kindly asked to return a **completed nomination form**, together with a copy of the photograph page from Members' passports, a digital photo, as well as the signed Statement of Nominated OSCE PA Election Observers and Code of Conduct the International Secretariat at (eom@oscepa.dk) as soon as possible, but no later than **29 March 2019**.

Accommodation

Parliamentary briefings will be held in Skopje on 19-20 April 2019. The Temporary OSCE PA Headquarters will be located in Skopje as well. The International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will distribute the details on the recommended hotel for accommodation in Skopje as soon as possible.

Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 18 April 2019

All day Arrival of observers

Friday, 19 April 2019

10:00- 10:30 Briefing on Mission for new OSCE PA observers (RSVP to iryana@oscepa.dk)
10:30-17:00 (TBC) Parliamentary briefings

Saturday, 20 April 2019

All Day Parliamentary briefings (*cont.*)
Meeting with Drivers and Interpreters

Sunday, 21 April 2019

All Day Observation at Polling Stations

Monday, 22 April 2019

08:00 De-Briefing for PA observers in Skopje
14:30(tbc) Press-Conference in Skopje
Suggested departures of observers

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Briefing on Mission for new OSCE PA observers

We kindly invite new members to attend Briefing on Mission aimed at providing useful information on the general framework of PA observation missions. Those interested are kindly requested to confirm their participation to the Secretariat (irynd@oscepa.dk) at the earliest convenience. Please note that participation in this briefing is particularly recommended for observers attending the EOM for the first time.

Election Day and Deployment

On Election Day, Members will generally work in teams of two. Members are encouraged to consider observing with colleagues from other parliaments, to make a multi-national team.

We kindly ask to mark your preferences for the deployment in the registration form. The International Secretariat will try to take your preference into consideration while preparing the deployment plan for the Mission. We also kindly encourage to consider deployment outside the capital, including in the location with overnight stay. 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 the Republic of North Macedonia 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 the Republic of North Macedonia 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 the Republic of North Macedonia 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 the Republic of North Macedonia.**