

Briefing on Mission for new OSCE PA observers

We kindly invite new members to attend the Briefing on the 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 their earliest convenience. Please note that participation in this briefing is particularly recommended for observers attending an 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 you to mark your preferences regarding deployment in the observer nomination 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 a 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 Kazakhstan 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 Kazakhstan 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 Kazakhstan 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 Kazakhstan.**