

Copenhagen, 4 February 2022

# Memorandum on the OSCE PA Observation of the 3 April Presidential and Early Parliamentary Elections in Serbia

### **OSCE PA Election Observation Mission**

Presidential and early parliamentary elections are planned to take place in Serbia on 3 April 2022, and in anticipation of an invitation to observe these elections, the OSCE PA President has decided to deploy an Election Observation Mission to work closely with the expected teams of the OSCE/ODIHR and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

# **Nomination and Appointment of Parliamentary Observers**

In accordance with the attached OSCE PA Election Observation Guidelines, national Delegations wishing to nominate their members to participate in this mission are kindly asked to complete and return to the International Secretariat at (<a href="mailto:eom@oscepa.dk">eom@oscepa.dk</a>) as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday 4 March 2022** the following:

- 1. The Delegation Nomination Form,
- 2. An Individual Observer Nomination Form for each nominated observer.
- 3. A signed Statement of Nominated Election Observer for each nominated observer,
- 4. A signed Code of Conduct for each nominated observer,
- 5. A copy of the photograph page from each nominated observer's passport,
- 6. A photograph.

Please note that in accordance with the Guidelines nominated observers are not part of an observation mission before they have been appointed by the OSCE PA President. The International Secretariat will communicate the list of observers to delegations that have forwarded nominations following appointment by the OSCE PA President. Due to registration procedures, we may not be able to accommodate those who register after the deadline.

#### **Accommodation**

Parliamentary briefings will be held in-person in Belgrade on 1 and 2 April 2022. The Temporary OSCE PA Headquarters will be in Belgrade as well. The International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has been able to pre-book hotel rooms at the METROPOL PALACE Hotel in Belgrade for the mission.

# **METROPOL PALACE Hotel**

Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 69, 11000, Belgrade, Serbia

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Reservations must be made **DIRECTLY** with the hotel via the following link: <a href="https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1643906860839&key=GRP&app=resvlink">https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1643906860839&key=GRP&app=resvlink</a>

Rates: EUR110 per night incl. breakfast and VAT; excl. city tax (subject to change).

<u>Cancellation Policy:</u> Reserved rooms can be cancelled without penalty 3 days before arrival (until 2 p.m. local time). In case of cancellation less than 3 days before arrival, a cancellation fee of 1(one) night full stay and tax will be charged

Hotel Booking Deadline: 11 March 2022

In case of difficulties with making reservation via the link, the reservation requests must be communicated to Ms. Marina Minić (email: marina.minic@metropolpalace.com; telephone: T +381 11 3333 134) with indication of the <u>OSCE PA22</u> group code.

# **Preliminary Programme**

Thursday, 31 March 2022

All day Arrival of observers

Friday, 1 April 2022

All day Parliamentary briefings

Saturday, 2 April 2022

Half day Parliamentary briefings (cont.)

Sunday, 3 April 2022

All Day Observation at Polling Stations

Monday, 4 April 2022

08:00 (TBC) De-Briefing for PA observers
Afternoon Press-Conference in Belgrade
Suggested departures of observers

Members are reminded that in accordance with the OSCE PA's Astana Declaration of 2008 and the Guidelines, participants are expected to participate in the full briefing programme as well as the debriefing on the day following the election.

#### **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. The briefing is open to all OSCE PA observers, but participation is expected for new observers. Further details will be communicated to new observers.

#### **Election Day**

The International Secretariat will circulate a draft deployment plan taking into consideration wishes by observers, but also the requirements for a meaningful observation mission. Subject to adjustments required by the health situation, on Election Day, Members will generally work in teams of two with the support of an interpreter and a driver.

National parliaments are responsible for their own Members' expenses, including any hotel cancellations, as well as fees for driver, interpreter and fuel. Further information on arrangements for Election Day including related to costs for any cars/drivers and interpreters for Election Day will be communicated in due time. Drivers and interpreters recruited for the mission will be asked - similar to observers - to be in possession of either a valid recovery (previously infected) certificate or obtain a PCR test prior to starting their work with the mission.

# **Travel and Health Insurance**

As a result of the COVID-19 response, a number of travel restrictions are in place in many countries, and Members are requested to consult with the appropriate authorities regarding travel procedures and access to the country. The International Secretariat will maintain close contact with the authorities in Serbia to ensure compliance with local health regulations.

The mission will work to put in place disease mitigation measures including social distancing where possible, however participants should understand that observation is a physical practice requiring interaction with a wide range of people. Observers are expected to comply with all national laws and regulations of the host country,

including health regulations; please note that there may be additional costs related to compliance with health measures required by the authorities of Serbia or by the mission. All participants are expected to be in possession of a valid recovery (previously infected) certificate or obtain a PCR test for COVID-19 not older than 72 hours prior to arrival in Serbia. Participants may be requested to demonstrate a negative result to such a test; if the test indicates positive for COVID, observers are expected to not travel for the observation mission.

Members are requested to ensure that they have full health insurance coverage valid for the duration of their stay in Serbia.