



Copenhagen, 15 July 2022

Memorandum on the OSCE PA Observation of the 2 October General Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina

OSCE PA Election Observation Mission

General elections are planned to take place in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 2 October 2022, and following an invitation to observe these elections, the OSCE PA President has decided to deploy an Election Observation Mission to work closely with the expected team of the OSCE/ODIHR and our traditional observation partners.

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 (eom@oscepa.dk) as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday 9 September 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 signed Code of Conduct and Statement on Respecting Secrecy of the Vote,
6. A copy of the photograph page from each nominated observer's passport,
7. 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 Sarajevo on 30 September and 1 October 2022. The Temporary OSCE PA Headquarters will be at the Hotel Holiday in Sarajevo. The International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has been able to pre-book hotel rooms at the Hotel Holiday in Sarajevo for the mission.

HOTEL HOLIDAY

Zmaja od Bosne 4, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
T +387 33 288 200 // <https://www.hoteleuropegroup.ba/en/holiday>

Reservations must be made **DIRECTLY** with the hotel by filling in the **hotel booking form** and sending it to marketing@hotelholiday.ba.

Rates: EUR 57,52 EUR per night incl. breakfast, VAT and city tax.

Cancellation Policy: Reserved rooms can be cancelled without penalty 48 hours before arrival. In case of cancellation less than 48 hours before arrival, a cancellation fee of 1 (one) night full stay and tax will be charged

Hotel Booking Deadline: 9 September 2022

In case of difficulties with making reservation, the reservation requests must be communicated to Ms Amila Ahmespahić (email: marketing@hotelholiday.ba ; Tel: +387 33 288 500) with indication of the **OSCE ASSEMBLY group code 2022/5330**.

Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 29 September 2022

All day Arrival of observers

Friday, 30 September 2022

All Day Parliamentary briefings

Saturday, 1 October 2022

Half Day Parliamentary briefings (*cont.*)

Sunday, 2 October 2022

All Day Observation at Polling Stations

Monday, 3 October 2022

08:00 (TBC) De-Briefing for PA observers
Afternoon Press-Conference in Sarajevo
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. OSCE organized drivers and interpreters recruited for the mission will be asked - similar to observers - to obtain either a rapid or a PCR test for COVID-19 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina or by the mission. All participants are expected to obtain either a rapid or a PCR test for COVID-19 not older than 48 hours prior to arrival in Bosnia and Herzegovina. 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina.