

Copenhagen, 15 March 2023

Memorandum on the OSCE PA Observation of the 14 May 2023 General Elections in Türkiye

OSCE PA Election Observation Mission

Presidential and parliamentary elections are planned to take place in Türkiye on 14 May 2023. Following an invitation to observe these elections, the OSCE PA President has decided to deploy an Election Observation Mission to work closely with an expected Election Observation Mission of the OSCE/ODIHR, as well as a delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

If needed, a second round of the Presidential election will be held on 28 May 2023.

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 14 April 2023** 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 Ankara on 12-13 May 2023. The Temporary OSCE PA Headquarters will be in Ankara as well. The International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will communicate further details on the accommodation arrangements in due time.

Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 11 May 2023

All day Arrival of observers

Friday, 12 May 2023

All Day Parliamentary briefings

Saturday, 13 May 2023

Half Day Parliamentary briefings (cont.)

Deployment to Areas of Observation

Sunday, 14 May 2023

All Day Observation at Polling Stations

Monday, 15 May 2023

08:00 De-Briefing for OSCE PA observers (in-person in Ankara; online for

observers deployed with overnight stay outside Ankara)

Afternoon Press-Conference in Ankara

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 observers 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

We kindly ask you to indicate your preference for deployment in the Individual Registration Form while submitting your documents. The International Secretariat will circulate a draft deployment plan taking into consideration wishes by observers, but also the requirements for a meaningful observation mission. The deployment plan will be prepared based on indicated preferences and on the need for balance in our observation mission. This plan will also be prepared in such a way as to complement efforts by the observer teams deployed by the OSCE/ODIHR. 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.

De-Briefing and Departures

Please note while making your travel arrangements that an online de-briefing are planned for those observers deployed with overnight stays outside Ankara. We kindly ask members not to book their domestic Turkish flights or departure flights prior to the finalization of the expected deployment plan for observers.

Visa

Observers are advised to contact the Turkish consulates in their respective countries to verify visa requirements necessary for their travel for the Mission. Please contact the International Secretariat if you need any assistance while arranging your visa documents.

Travel and Health Insurance

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 Turkish authorities or by the mission. All participants are expected to obtain a rapid or PCR test for COVID-19 not older than 48 hours prior to arrival in Türkiye. 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 Türkiye.