



To: Heads of OSCE PA Delegations
CC: Secretaries of OSCE PA Delegations

15 March 2023

Dear Heads of Delegations,

Presidential and parliamentary elections are planned to take place in Türkiye on 14 May 2023. Following an invitation to observe these elections, and after appropriate communication to Bureau Members, the President has decided to deploy an Election Observation Mission to these important elections to work closely with expected teams from the OSCE/ODIHR and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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. In appointing Members to this Election Observation Mission, the President can take appropriate steps to balance the composition and to preserve a political and geographical balance of Members within the mission. 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.

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. 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.

Further information, including a detailed programme, will be distributed to participants in due course. Briefings for the mission are expected to be held in-person on 12-13 May 2023 in Ankara. No remote participation will be foreseen. 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.

I wish to remind you that national parliaments are responsible for their Members' expenses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Roberto Montella'.

Roberto Montella,
Secretary General