

Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

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NOTE VERBALE

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the OSCE and has the honour to state the following.

Following the official invitation to observe the early parliamentary elections scheduled for 9 June 2010 and in accordance with its mandate, the OSCE/ODIHR is preparing to deploy an Election Assessment Mission (EAM) that will commence its activities in The Hague on 26 May 2010.

The Mission will be headed by Jonathan Stonestreet (US) and will include the following experts:

Armin Rabitsch	Deputy Head of Mission	Austria
Nikolai Vulchanov	Election Analyst	Bulgaria
Francine Barry	Legal Analyst	Canada
Marek Mracka	Media Analyst	Slovenia
Ingo Boltz	E-Voting Analyst	Germany
Lolita Cigane	Campaign Finance Analyst	Latvia
Robert Gardner	Campaign Finance Analyst	United States
Kakha Inaishvili	Regional Analyst	Georgia
Claudia Vollmer	Regional Analyst	Germany
Lilit Ohanyan	Regional Analyst	Armenia
Giovani Caligiuri	Regional Analyst	Italy

The OSCE/ODIHR EOM is interested in meeting with representatives of relevant governmental authorities, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Electoral Council and the Council of State. The Mission also intends to discuss election issues with candidates or candidate representatives, political parties, civil society and the media.

The OSCE/ODIHR appreciates the ongoing assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations in support of the EAM, including in assisting with meetings and briefings, as well as preparing the timely issuance of visas for experts.

Applications for accreditation will be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs separately in due course.

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew assurances of its highest consideration.

Warsaw, 17 May 2010

Cc: Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov
Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council


