

OSCE PA

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PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

OSCE PA Election Observation



1993-2015

*4,854 OSCE parliamentarians observe
145 elections*

ELECTION OBSERVATION

Preface

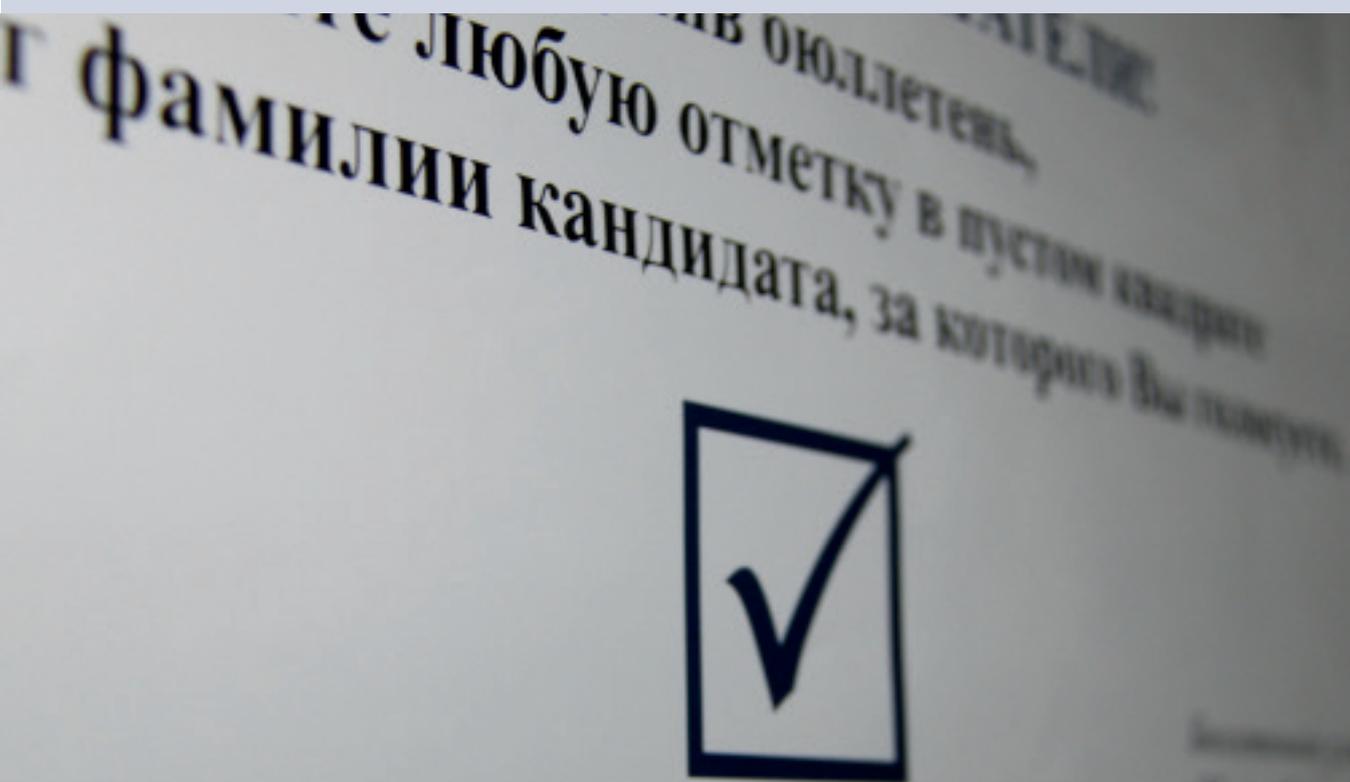
Since 1993, the OSCE PA has played a leading role in election observation across the OSCE area. As politicians who have fought elections themselves, parliamentarians have particular expertise in political campaigns and electoral processes, bringing added credibility to the conclusions of OSCE observation missions. As Members of Parliament, they are also in an excellent position to relate their experiences directly into policy circles in their national parliaments.

By taking part in these missions, and taking time out of their busy schedules, parliamentarians make a bold statement about the importance of legitimate and genuine elections. Their participation in observation efforts also brings international visibility, as parliamentarians are often sought out by journalists from their home countries to express their expert opinions.

The Assembly's election observation programme is an important contribution to consolidating democracy in the OSCE region, and parliamentarians can be proud of their leading role in these efforts.

The International Secretariat of the Assembly has supported the active election observation programme since its inception, organizing all of the 145 missions that have deployed 4,854 parliamentarians to observe elections in more than 30 countries. We look forward to continuing this work in the years to come and to supporting this important work by Assembly Members.

Parliamentary observers of elections in the OSCE area



Since 1993, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has deployed 4,854 parliamentarians to monitor 145 elections across the OSCE area.

At the Annual Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE in Helsinki (1993) the then Chairperson-in-Office, Swedish Foreign Minister Baroness Margaretha af Ugglas, urged parliamentarians to actively participate in election observation and monitoring. In response to this call, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has developed a particularly active programme for observing elections in the OSCE area. The presence of parliamentary observers at elections emphasizes the importance of legislatures as institutions that must provide a balance to executive authority.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Parliamentary Elections

12 December 1993



A delegation of 36 CSCE parliamentarians from 21 participating States observed the first multi-party elections and the referendum on the constitution in the Russian Federation on 12 December 1993.

The Delegation concluded unanimously that based on their limited investigation, the elections and the referendum, on the whole, were conducted in a free and fair manner. The President of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

CSCE PA Delegation

Ilkka SUOMINEN,
President of the CSCE PA,
Head of Delegation
Daim RAPAJ
Shagin VUKAJ
Josef HÖCHTL
Jiri PAYNE
Vaclav CUNDRLE
Eva Kjer HANSEN
Helge Adam MØLLER
Vello AATPALU
Aarno von BELL
Hannu KEMPPAINEN
Kyösti TOIVONEN
Sirikka-Liisa ANTTILA
Henrik LAX
Eeva-Liisa MOILANEN
Pekka HAAVISTO
Jean de LIPKOWSKI
Olafur Ragnar GRIMSSON
Antonio GRAZIANI
Janis AGZDINS
Erna HENNICOT
Giovanna DEBONO
Reno CALLEJA
Alexander OHOTNICOV
Vasile IOVY
Jan van HOUWELINGEN
Tadeusz SAMBORSKI
Elena PREDA
Dumitru MOCANU

Finland Ján CARNOGURSKÝ, *Vice-President*
Kristina SVENSSON
Munif ISLAMOGLU
Cemal ÖZTAYLAN
Albania Mehmet KECECILER
Albania Sir Peter EMERY, *Treasurer*
Austria Frank COOK
Czech Republic
Czech Republic Accompanied by
Denmark Gertraud HÖCHTL
Denmark Jaakko HISSA
Estonia Bernadette GAYET
Finland Anne-Laure MEYER
Finland Haukur HAUKSSON
Finland Dgenia BERNARDINI
Finland Maris STEINS
Finland Guillaume WAGENER
Finland Mario COSTA
Finland Carmel CHIRCOP
France Huseyin KERIMOGLU
Iceland
Italy International Secretariat of the CSCE PA
Latvia R. Spencer OLIVER
Luxembourg Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
Malta Vitaly EVSEYEV
Malta Kurt ANDERSEN
Moldova Gina DARK
Moldova Jan JOOREN
Netherlands Margarita AVDONINA
Poland Guy NETSCHER
Romania Rebecca MAGUIRE
Romania Annabel HAMILTON

Slovakia
Sweden
Turkey
Turkey
Turkey
United Kingdom
United Kingdom

Austria, interpreter
Finland, senior staff
France, journalist
France, staff
Iceland, interpreter
Italy, interpreter
Latvia, staff
Luxembourg, staff
Malta, advisor
Malta, advisor
Turkey, staff

Director
Deputy Director
Deputy Director
Gen. Services Officer
Secretary
Press Officer
Secretary
Assistant
Assistant
Assistant





MOLDOVA

Parliamentary Elections

27 February 1994

A delegation of 18 CSCE Parliamentarians from 9 participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Moldova on 27 February 1994. The overall conclusion of the Delegation was that the elections were carried out in a free and fair manner. The President of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

CSCE PA Delegation

Javier RUPÉREZ
Head of Delegation
 Josef KRUPIK
 Pavel SEIFER
 Andrus VILLEM
 Antonio GRAZIANI
 Angelo CRESCO
 Antanas RACAS
 Corneliu BALAN
 Emil COJOCARU
 Cornel PROTOPOPESCU
 Marcel MOLDOVEANU
 Nicolae BATEANU
 Ludovic RAKOCZI
 Ion DOBRESCU

Spain
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Estonia
 Italy
 Italy
 Lithuania
 Romania
 Romania
 Romania
 Romania
 Romania
 Romania

Iohail VIZIRU
 Peeter LUKSEP
 Ahmet INCEÖZ
 Yury ELCHENKO

Romania
 Sweden
 Turkey
 Ukraine

Accompanied by

John FINERTY
Senior Staff Congressional CSCE Commission
 Vinca SHOWALTER
Senior Staff Congressional CSCE Commission

USA

USA

International Secretariat of the CSCE PA

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
 Gina DARK

Deputy Director
 Secretary



KAZAKHSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

7 March 1994

On 7 March 1994 a delegation of nine CSCE Parliamentarians from eight participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan. The conclusion of the CSCE Observer Team was that the election process did not meet the standards which CSCE participating States have pledged to uphold.

The provision which allowed nearly one-quarter of the new Parliament to be virtually appointed by the President, combined with the widespread violation of Article 46 of the Electoral Code and apparent abuse of authority by local electoral commissions, made a positive conclusion by the CSCE PA Team impossible. The President of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

CSCE Delegation:

Jan van HOUWELINGEN,
Head of Delegation
 Vedat SAKALLA
 Tomas SVOBODA
 Milan LOUKOTA
 Michel VOISIN
 Hans-Dirk BIERLING
 Ricardas ZURINSKAS
 Kristina SVENSSON
 Münif ISLAMOGLU

Netherlands

Bulgaria
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 France
 Germany
 Lithuania
 Sweden
 Turkey

Accompanied by:

Anne FRAGO, *Administrator*
 Hüseyin KERIMOGLU, *Interpreter*

France
 Turkey

International Secretariat of the CSCE PA

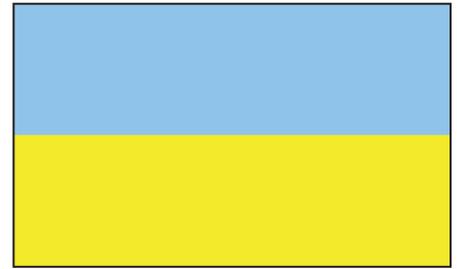
R. Spencer OLIVER
 Gina DARK

Director
 Assistant

UKRAINE

Parliamentary Elections

27 March 1994



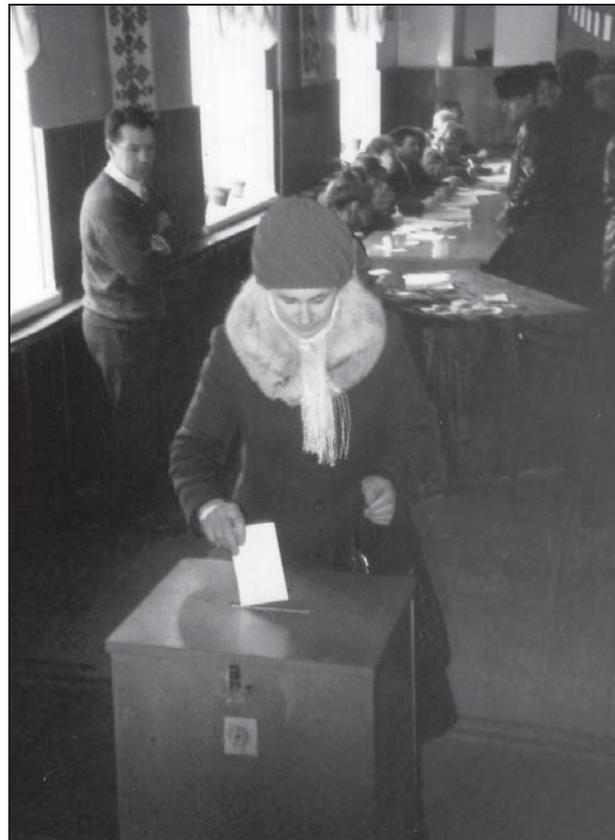
A delegation of 23 CSCE Parliamentarians from 16 participating States observed the parliamentary Elections in Ukraine on 27 March 1994. The delegation concluded that the first round of these elections was carried out in a free and fair manner. The President of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

CSCE Delegation:

Sir Peter EMERY,
Treasurer of the CSCE PA,
Head of Delegation
Peter MARIZZI
Alexander SHIPKO
Michail ZHEBRAK
Gueorgui T. BOZHINOV
Mikhail D. NEDELICHEV
Andreas KOUKOUUMAS
Josef KUBIS
Miroslav RAZKA
Anette JUST
Mart NUTT
Willy WIMMER
Karlis LEISKALNS

United Kingdom	Velta PURINA	Latvia
	Laima L. ANDRIKIENE	Lithuania
	Rimantas MARKAUSKAS	Lithuania
	Ion BORSEVICI	Moldova
Austria	Maarten van TRAA	Netherlands
Belarus	Ingval GODAL	Norway
Belarus	Björg Hope GALTUNG	Norway
Bulgaria	Erik SOLHEIM	Norway
Bulgaria	Tadeusz SAMBORSKI	Poland
Cyprus	Vladimir AVERCHEV	Russia
Czech Republic		
Czech Republic	<u>International Secretariat of the CSCE PA</u>	
Denmark	Vitaly EVSEYEV	Deputy Director
Estonia	Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN	Deputy Director
Germany	Kurt ANDERSEN	General Services Officer
Latvia	Camilla BENINCASA	Secretary

Deputy Director
Deputy Director
General Services Officer
Secretary





FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Presidential and Parliamentary Elections

16 and 30 October 1994

On 16 and 30 October 1994 a CSCE PA delegation of 16 parliamentarians from 10 participating states observed the first presidential and parliamentary elections in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since it declared its independence. Based on its findings the delegation concluded that the elections were carried out in a sufficiently free and fair manner. The President of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

CSCE PA Delegation:

Javier RUPEREZ,
Head of Delegation
Emil KOSTADINOV
Vaclav CUNDLER
Cestmir HOFHANZL
Zlatko KRAMARIC
Ivan MILAS
Bozidar PETRAC
Rino SERRI
Giuseppe DOPPIO
Guikje ROETHOF
Björg Hope GALTUNG
Grethe FOSSLI

Spain
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Croatia
Croatia
Croatia
Italy
Italy
Netherlands
Norway
Norway

Roberto BATTELLI
Vladimir SEMAGO
Munif ISLAMOGLU
Camal OZTAYLAN

Accompanied by:
Buket GITAY, *Advisor*
Anatoly SHOSTAK, *Advisor*
Bob HAND, *Advisor*
Janice HELWIG, *Advisor*

International Secretariat of the CSCE PA:
Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN

Slovenia
Russia
Turkey
Turkey
Turkey
Ukraine
USA
USA

Deputy Secretary General



ESTONIA

Parliamentary Elections

5 March 1995

On 5 March 1995 a OSCE PA delegation of 17 parliamentarians from 8 participating states observed the second parliamentary elections held in Estonia since the country's independence in September 1991. Based on its findings, the delegation concluded that the elections were carried out in a free and fair manner and that Estonia has established itself as a European parliamentary democracy. The President of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

CSCE PA Delegation:

Are NAESS,
Head of Delegation
Vaclav CUNDLER
Jan DECKER
Jaromír KALUS
Tomas STERBA
Kurt ROSSMANITH
Velta PURINA
Maris ZVAIGZNE
Aud GAUNDAL
Ionel ROMAN
Feric EMERIC
Andrey ZAHAROV
Michail VAKULENKO
Viktor DAVYDKIN
Irina ZUBKEVICH
Georgiy MANCHULENKO
Boris KOZHEVNIKOV

Norway
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Germany
Latvia
Latvia
Norway
Romania
Romania
Russia
Russia
Russia
Russia
Ukraine
Ukraine

Accompanied by:
Marina SVIRINA, *Advisor*

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA
Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN

Russia

Deputy Secretary General



BELARUS**Parliamentary Elections****14 and 28 May 1995**

On 14 and 28 May 1995 a delegation of 12 OSCE Parliamentarians from 6 participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Belarus. Because of weaknesses in the regulations, inappropriate government involvement, the general lack of public information on the elections, and the extensiveness of irregularities in the polling stations, the Belarus parliamentary elections were deemed by the delegation to have not met conditions for free and fair elections. The President of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

CSCE PA Delegation:

Willi FUHRMANN,
Head of Delegation
 Vaclav CUNDRLE
 Jan DECKER
 Jaromir KALUS
 Tomas STERBA
 Jaroslav NOVAK
 Maria Kaisa AULA
 Zourab SHENGELIA

Austria

Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Finland
 Georgia

Aud GAUNDAL
 Erik SOLHEIM
 Ionel ROMAN
 Dumitru MOCANU

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA:

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
 Eric RUDENSHIOLD
 Stig KJELDSEN

Norway
 Norway
 Romania
 Romania

Dep. Sec. General
 Program Director
 Assistant

ARMENIA**Parliamentary Elections****5 July 1995**

On 5 July 1995 a delegation of 13 OSCE Parliamentarians from 8 participating states observed the first multi-party elections held in Armenia since independence. A referendum on the adoption of a new constitution was also held in conjunction with the parliamentary elections. The OSCE PA observers concluded that the elections were conducted in a generally free manner. However, pre-election flaws marred the overall fairness of the elections and referendum. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Annette JUST,
Head of Delegation
 Vaclav CUNDRLE
 Jan DECKER
 Jaromir KALUS
 Tomas STERBA
 Tõnu KAUBA
 Liisa HYSSÄLÄ
 Christos VIZOVITIS
 V. BRAKATSOULAS

Denmark

Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Estonia
 Finland
 Greece
 Greece

A. APOSTOLOU
 Varujan VOSGANIAN
 Victor PICA
 Tone TINGSGAARD

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

E. RUDENSHIOLD
 Abigail CARTER
 Gustavo PALLARÉS
 Stig KJELDSEN

Netherlands
 Romania
 Romania
 Sweden

Program Director
 Administrator
 Assistant
 Assistant



LATVIA

Parliamentary Elections

30 September – 1 October 1995

A delegation of 6 OSCE Parliamentarians from 6 participating states monitored the two-day elections on 30 September – 1 October 1995 to the Latvian Saeima.

The Delegation concluded that the elections were free and fair. However, unclear clauses in the Election Law, as well as the laws on pre-election canvassing and party financing, led to confusion during the pre-election period. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCEPA Delegation:

Peter KAPRAL
Head of Delegation
 Pierre BEAUFAYS
 Tiit KÄBIN
 Ernesto STAJANO
 Pavel NEDRANKO
 Andrei ZAKHAROV

Accompanied by:

Austria	Marina Svirina	Russia
	<i>Advisor</i>	
Belgium		
Estonia	<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
Italy	Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN	Deputy Secretary General
Moldova	Jeffrey CARLSON	Assistant
Russia	Dan HINDSGAUL	Assistant



CROATIA

Parliamentary Elections

29 October 1995

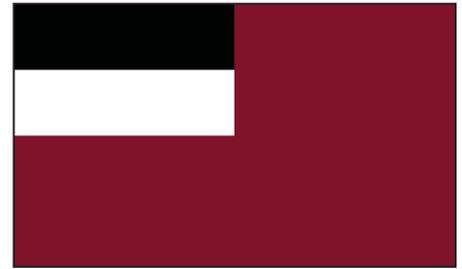
On 29 October 1995 a delegation of 15 OSCE Parliamentarians from 9 participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Croatia. The Delegation concluded that the Croatian law provides sufficient conditions for free and fair elections. They also concluded that the authorities, in particular the officials in the polling stations, performed their duties in an efficient and orderly manner. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Are NAES
Head of Delegation
 Gerolf ANNEMANS
 Patrick HOSTEKINT
 Josef JEZEK
 Dalibor MATULKA
 Björn ELMQUIST
 Tiit KÄBIN
 Louis COLOMBANI
 Jean-Michel FOURGOUS
 Marcel PORCHER
 Olaf FELDMANN
 Hans RAIDEL
 Björg Hope GALTUNG
 Ciril PUCKO
 Josef KOPSE

Accompanied by:

Norway	Robert HAND	USA
	<i>Advisor</i>	
Belgium	Janice HELWIG	USA
Belgium	<i>Advisor</i>	
Czech Republic	Elyette LEVY-HEISBOURG	France
Czech Republic	<i>Advisor</i>	
Denmark	Cathy SALAY	USA
Estonia	<i>Advisor</i>	
France		
France	<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
France	Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN	Deputy Secretary General
Germany	Susanne SCHOEDEL	Assistant
Germany	Christopher SHARMAN	Assistant
Norway		
Slovenia		
Slovenia		

GEORGIA**Parliamentary and Presidential Elections****5 November 1995**

On 5 November 1995 a delegation of 7 OSCE Parliamentarians from 5 participating states observed the parliamentary and presidential elections in Georgia. The Delegation concluded that the elections were generally well run on election day, and were not seriously marred by other pre-election conditions. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Erik SOLHEIM,
Head of Delegation
Vaclav GRULICH
Rudolf OPATRIL
Vaclav EXNER
Alexandru MOSANU
Oleg ZHAROV
Tone TINGSGAARD

Norway

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Moldova

Russian Federation

Sweden

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Eric RUDENSHIOLD
Stig KJELDSEN

Programme Director
Assistant

AZERBAIJAN**Parliamentary Elections****12 November 1995**

A delegation of 9 OSCE Parliamentarians from 8 participating states observed the parliamentary elections and constitutional referendum in Azerbaijan on 12 November 1995. Based on its findings the delegation concluded that the elections did not meet all internationally recognized standards for free and fair elections. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tone TINGSGAARD,
Head of Delegation
Jan DECKER
Isidoros MAKRIDES
Ants PAJU
Tuija-Maaret PYKALAINEN
Jean-Claude LEFORT
Odd ERIKSEN
Grethe FOSSLI
Ionel ROMAN

Sweden

Czech Republic

Cyprus

Estonia

Finland

France

Norway

Norway

Romania

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Vitaly EVSEYEV
Eric RUDENSHIOLD
Rita AVDONINA
Stig KJELDSEN

Deputy Secretary General
Programme Director
Secretary
Assistant



BELARUS

Parliamentary Elections

29 November 1995

A delegation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly observed the Parliamentary Repeat-elections in Belarus on 29 November 1995. Observers noted the achievement of the election authorities in organizing the election process. They stated, however that in order to meet the OSCE commitments, elections require adequate voter access to information about the various political programmes. It is also essential that political parties and candidates enjoy proper access to the national media. These conditions were not met in Belarus.

The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following members:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Jacques FLOCH,
Head of Delegation

France

International secretariat of the OSCE PA

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN

Deputy Secretary General

Accompanied by:

Anne Gompel, Secretary of Delegation

France



KAZAKHSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

5 and 9 December 1995

A delegation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly observed the Parliamentary elections on 5 and 9 December 1995. Despite the generally efficient organization of the elections in polling stations, several concerns were raised by the observers that if not corrected in the future could compromise Kazakhstan's commitment to a democratic elections process.

The delegation in particular noted the widespread practice of voters collecting and casting multiple ballots per person. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Jan NAVRATIL
Michel VOISIN

Czech Republic

France

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Eric RUDENSHIOLD

Stig KJELDSEN

Programme Director

Assistant



ALBANIA

Parliamentary Elections

26 May 1996

A delegation of eight OSCE parliamentarians from seven participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Albania on 26 May 1996. The delegation concluded that Albanian legislation provides a basis for free and fair elections. However, they criticized some parts of the legislation and the manner in which some authorities implemented it.

According to the delegates' observations, the procedures on polling day were generally orderly, but a number of irregularities were also observed. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Raoul UKSVÁRÁV,
Head of Delegation
Jef TRAVENIER
Jan KRYCER
Toomas ALATALU
Hans RAIDEL
Fiorello PROVERA
Urban AHLIN
Algan HACALOGLU

Estonia
Belgium
Czech Republic

Estonia
Germany
Italy
Sweden
Turkey

Accompanied by:

Janice HELWIG, Advisor
Bob HAND, Advisor

USA
USA

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN

Deputy Secretary General



RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Presidential Elections

16 June 1996

In two rounds of voting, held on 16 June and 3 July 1996, the Russian Federation conducted its first multi-candidate presidential election. A delegation of 39 parliamentarians from 24 OSCE participating states monitored the first round of elections in the Moscow region where the vote was held in conjunction with mayoral elections.

The elections appeared to be generally well run, and not were deemed to have not been seriously marred by some problems which occurred in the pre-election campaign. The delegation considered the first round of the Russian Presidential elections to have been conducted in a generally free and fair manner. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Andras BARSONY,
Head of Delegation
Sir Peter EMERY,
Deputy Head of Delegation
Javier RUPÉREZ,
Deputy Head of Delegation
Willi FUHRMANN
Agabek ASKEROV
Alain DESTEXHE
Philippe MAHOUX
D. van der MAELEN
Sergei IVANOV
Indrek KANNIK
Tõnu KÕRDA
Kimmo KILJUNEN
Ilkka SUOMINEN
Anne MEYER
Arthur PAECHT
Jacques ROZENBLUM
Hans-Dirk BIERLING
Fiorello PROVERA
Ludmila KUPRIJANOVA
Juris VIDINŠ
Vladimir JARMOLENKO
Emanuelis ZINGERIS
Ricardas ZURINSKAS
Jacques-Yves HENCKES
Alexandru NEMTEV
Dzingisz GABOR
Ingvald GODAL
Erik SOLHEIM
Tadeusz SAMBORSKI

Hungary

United Kingdom

Spain

Austria

Azerbaijan

Belgium

Belgium

Belgium

Estonia

Estonia

Estonia

Finland

Finland

France

France

France

Germany

Italy

Latvia

Latvia

Lithuania

Lithuania

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Moldova

Netherlands

Norway

Norway

Poland

Manuela Ferreira LEITE

Isabel Videira LOPES

Mario Videira LOPES

Ionel ROMAN

Roberto BATTELLI

Henrik LANDERHOLM

Tone TINGSGAARD

Mustafa KAMALAK

Hikmet Sami TÜRK

John FINERTY

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

R. Spencer OLIVER

Vitaly EVSEYEV

Eric RUDENSHIOLD

Jan JOOREN

Rita AVDONINA

Tea JOKHADZE

Guy NETSCHER

Mai V. NIELSEN

Tom SCHAMP

Daniel A. CHRISTENSEN

Jani TAIVALANTTI

Mark E. SINGER

Observers Council of Europe PA (PACE):

Klaus BÜHLER

Sir Irvine PATNICK

Algirdas GRICIUS

Evgen MARMAZOV

John HARTLAND

Bonnie THEOPHILOVA

Portugal

Portugal

Portugal

Romania

Slovenia

Sweden

Sweden

Turkey

Turkey

USA

Secretary General

Deputy Secretary General

Programme Director

Press Officer

Secretary

Assistant



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Parliamentary Elections

3 November 1996

A delegation of six OSCE parliamentarians monitored the parliamentary elections in Yugoslavia on 3 November 1996. The delegation concluded that the state-owned TV and radio, being the dominant media in the FRY, acted in a blatantly biased manner which seriously compromised the fairness of the elections. The delegation also noted that on polling day the procedures were mostly efficient and in accordance with the law. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Eskil ERLANDSSON,
Head of Delegation
Gerald TYCHTL
Jan LOONES
Erika THYS
Antonia MARTINEZ
José Maria ROBLES

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA
Sweden Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN Deputy Secretary General
Austria
Belgium
Belgium
Spain
Spain



ROMANIA

Parliamentary and Presidential Elections

3 November 1996

A delegation of 14 OSCE Parliamentarians from 6 participating states monitored the parliamentary and presidential elections in Romania on November 3. In their press statement, the delegation congratulated Romania for conducting its third multi-party and multi-candidate elections and recognized this effort as an important commitment to further democratic development. Delegation members also expressed their sincere hope that the increased popular participation in all aspects of the election process, including the holding of democratic elections, would further contribute to political and economic stability in Romania.

The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Lisette CROES-LIETEN
Lozie FRANS
Christian MOORS
Patrick HOSTEKINT
Jacques DEVOLDER
Jaroslav NOVAK
Cestmir HOFHANZL
Tiit KABIN
Leonid TABARA
Inaki ANASAGASTI
Jose SEGURA
Ramon COMPANYS
Algan HACALOGLU
Fevzi ICEOZ

Accompanied by:
Belgium Eva DOSTALOVA Czech Republic
Belgium Mercedes ARAUJO Spain
Belgium Dorothy Taft USA
Belgium Marlene KAUFMANN USA
Belgium
Czech Republic International Secretariat of the OSCE PA
Czech Republic Vitaly EVSEYEV Deputy Secretary General
Estonia Rita AVDONINA Secretary
Moldova
Spain
Spain
Spain
Turkey
Turkey

CROATIA

Presidential Elections

13 April 1997



A delegation of 15 OSCE Parliamentarians from 9 participating states, led by Guikje Roethof of the Netherlands, observed the Presidential elections in Croatia on 13 April 1997. The Delegation concluded that Croatian law provides citizens with sufficient opportunities to freely express their will in the electoral process.

The delegation felt, however, that some aspects of the pre-election campaign gave reason for concern. Much of the media, including the state-owned television and radio, did not cover the campaign in an impartial manner, focusing extensively on the activities of the ruling party. However, the election authorities in general appeared to have performed their duties in an efficient and orderly manner. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Guikje ROETHOF,
Head of Delegation
Reinhard GAUGG
Georg WURMITZER
Marcos KYPRIANOU
Jiri KARAS
Jaroslav NOVAK
Libor NOVAK
Martin PRIBAN
Titt KÄBIN
Raoul ÜKSVÄRAV

Netherlands

Austria
Austria
CyprusCzech Republic
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Estonia
Estonia

Tana DE ZULUETA
Aloyzas SAKALAS
Roberto BATTELLI
Eda OKRETIC SALMIC
Axel ANDERSSON

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
Bob HAND
Birgit LAUKKANEN
Tine RASMUSSEN

Italy
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Sweden

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Assistant

BULGARIA

Parliamentary Elections

19 April 1997



A delegation of 14 OSCE Parliamentarians from 11 participating states monitored elections in Bulgaria on 19 April 1997. Based on its findings, the delegation concluded that the elections were carried out in a free and fair manner. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Björg HOPE GALTUNG,
Head of Delegation
Martina GREDLER
Michael SPINDELEGGGER
Vaclav EXNER
Josef MANDIK
Jaroslav PALAS
Jean-Claude LEFORT
Michele BUCCI
Ivan COLARI
Theo van den DOEL
Josef KALETA

Norway

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Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
France
Italy
Moldova
Netherlands
Poland

Radu BUDEANU
Tone TINSGAARD
Ytiksel YALOVA

Accompanied by:
Sylvie COMAJUAN
Orest DEYHAKIWSKI
Chadwick GORE

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Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
Birgit LAUKKANEN

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Sweden
Turkey

France
USA
USA

Deputy Secretary General
Assistant

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**Municipal Elections****13 – 14 September 1997**

A delegation of 11 parliamentarians from 7 OSCE participating States observed the Bosnia and Herzegovina Municipal Elections on 13-14 September 1997. Mr. Javier Rupérez, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Representative for the Election Observation Mission, which also included parliamentary observers from the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament.

The international observers concluded that “While recognizing the long way ahead before elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina become a routine event in compliance with international standards and OSCE commitments, these municipal elections do represent a significant accomplishment in the peace process.”

The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following Delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Javier RUPÉREZ,
President of the OSCE PA
Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
Marcos KYPRIANOU
Jaroslav STRAIT
Søren SØNDERGAARD
Antonio CONTE
Grethe G. FOSSUM
Tahsin IRMAK
Yahya SIMSEK
Hüseyin KANSU
Enis SÜLÜN
Ahmet TAN

Spain

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Italy

Norway

Turkey

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Turkey

Accompanied by:

Mesut ASLANBEK
Janice HELWIG
Robert HAND

Turkey

USA

USA

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
Zuzana STRAPONCEKOVA
Nathalie RENAUD

Deputy Secretary General
Conference Co-ordinator
Assistant

SERBIA**Parliamentary and Presidential Elections****21 September 1997**

A delegation of 26 parliamentarians from 12 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary and presidential elections in the Republic of Serbia on 21 September 1997. The delegation concluded that technical implementation of the voting in the polling stations was good, but the process leading up to the elections was flawed. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Bjørn HOPE GALTUNG,
Head of Delegation
Marianne HAGENHOFER
Milan LINZER
Keti GRAMATIKOVA
Nicolay ANGELOV
Tatiana TOTEVA
Jaroslav NOVAK
Jaroslav PALAS
Jiri MASTALKA
Karel VYMETAL
Raoul ÜKSVÄRAV
Tiit KÄBIN
Mirko TRIPUNOSKI
Panayiotis SGOURIDIS
Georgios TZITZIKOSTAS
Dimitrios TSETINES

Norway

Austria

Austria

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

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Czech Republic

Estonia

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FYROM

Greece

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Mustafa MUSTAFA
Dimitrios KOSTOPOULOS
Ioannis DIMARAS
Peter MADAI
Miklos CSAPODY
Michele BUCCI
Nistor BADICEANU
Octavian BOT
Hasan Tekin ENEREM
Eskil ERLANDSSON

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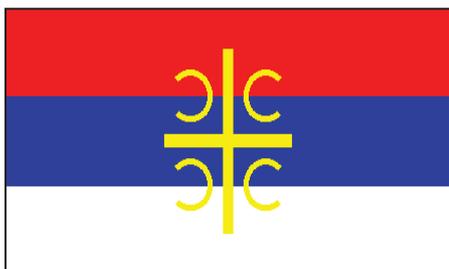
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Greece

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Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
Manuel FRIESIECKE
Nicolas KACZOROWSKI

Deputy Secretary General
Assistant
Assistant



REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

National Assembly Elections

22 – 23 November 1997

A delegation of 20 parliamentarians from 14 OSCE participating States observed the Republika Srpska National Assembly elections on 22-23 November 1997. Mr. Javier Rupérez, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Representative for the Election Observation Mission. The delegation concluded that the RS National Assembly election was well administered and a technically correct process. However, it also noted that this technically sound process took place in a political environment which falls far short of democratic standards.

While recognizing that this election was part of an ongoing conflict resolution process, it was noted that this process can only be effective if the political parties take serious steps in the implementation of all aspects of the Dayton Agreement. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Javier RUPÉREZ,
President of the OSCE PA
Bruce GEORGE,
Deputy Head of Delegation
Marianne HAGENHÖFER
Peter RIESER
Stephan GORIS
Joris VAN HAUTHEM
Marcos KYPRIANOU
Milan LOUKOTA
Jaroslav STRAIT
Jaroslav PALAS
Vladimir PROCHAZKA
Søren SØNDERGAARD

Spain	Tiit KÄBIN	Estonia
	Didier BOULAUD	France
	Antonio CONTE	Italy
	Grethe FOSSUM	Norway
United Kingdom	Mario VIDEIRA LOPES	Portugal
	Jose SARAIVA	Portugal
Austria	Martian DAN	Romania
Austria	Axel ANDERSSON	Sweden
Belgium		
Belgium	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
Cyprus	Alexander SLABY	Czech Republic
Czech Republic		
Czech Republic	<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
Czech Republic	Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN	Deputy Secretary General
Czech Republic	Sophie PERESSON	Assistant
Denmark	Søren STEIN	Assistant



ARMENIA

Presidential Elections

16 March 1998

A delegation of 11 parliamentarians from 7 participating States observed the presidential elections in Armenia on 16 March 1998. Tone Tingsgaard (Sweden) was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission.

The observers concluded that the Presidential Election did not meet the OSCE standards to which Armenia has committed itself in the Copenhagen Document of 1990. Although improvements were noted over the 1996 election, the Election Observation Mission observed ballot stuffing, discrepancies in the vote count, a large presence of unauthorized persons in polling stations, and instances of intimidation directed towards voters, election commission members, candidate proxies and international observers. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tone TINGSGAARD
Special Coordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
Svatomir RECMAN
Jean - Pierre KUCHEIDA
Antonio CONTE
Bjorn HERNABS
Christopher STENSAKER
Zbigniew ROMASZEWSKI
H. Tekin ENEREM
Lutfullah KAYALAR

Sweden	Yahya SIMSEK	Turkey
	Ahmet BILGE	Turkey
Czech Republic	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
France	Yasemin ELIBÖL	Turkey
Italy	Dirkan ALTUN	Turkey
Norway	Michael OCHS	USA
Norway		
Poland	<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
Turkey	Vitaly EVSEYEV	Deputy Secretary General
Turkey	Sergei SOLODOVNIKOV	Assistant

MOLDOVA

Parliamentary Elections

22 March 1998



A delegation of 31 parliamentarians from 10 participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Moldova on 22 March 1998. Markus Aaltonen (Finland) was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The OSCE PA Observer Team concluded that the election process as a whole was satisfactory. The candidates could compete under generally good conditions, and the voters could freely express their will on Election Day.

A major exception to this positive assessment was found in Transdnistria, where - due to the lack of *de facto* control by the government of the Republic of Moldova - neither the candidates nor the voters had even close to adequate conditions for exercising their civil rights. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Markus AALTONEN,
Special Coordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
Guikje ROETHOF, Deputy Head of Delegation
Marianne HAGENHOFER
Walter MURAUER
Jiri PAVLOV
Jiri SENKYR
Theo van den DOEL
Andries POSTMA
Marteen ZIJLSTRA
Oddbjørg A. STARRFELT
Ryszard ZBRZYŹNY
Josef KALETA
Jerzy OSIATYNSKI
Barbaresso DAN
Sandu DIMITRU
Szekely ERVIN
Buga FLOREA
Mihail GRAMA
Nicu IONITA
Baciu MIHAIL

Finland
Fenoghen SEVASTIAN
Gheorghe VALERIV
Miclaus VASILE
Netherlands
Stan VASILE
Austria
Vetisanu VASILE
Austria
Barbarosie VICTOR
Czech Republic
Axel ANDERSSON
Czech Republic
Ahmet BILGE
Netherlands
Tekin ENEREM
Netherlands
Lytfullah KAYALAR
Netherlands
Sabri TEKIR
Norway
Poland
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Poland
Jindrich PIETRAS
Kenan ORHON
Romania
Cem ERYILMAZ
Romania
John FINERTY
Romania
Wayne MERRY
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Czech Republic
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USA

Deputy Secretary General
Assistant





UKRAINE

Parliamentary Elections

29 March 1998

A delegation of 29 parliamentarians from 11 OSCE participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Ukraine on 29 March. Andras Barsony (Hungary), was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The OSCE PA Observer Team concluded that the elections were conducted under a generally adequate legal and administrative framework. However, the campaign was marred by incidents of violence, arrests and actions against candidates and abuse of public office that represented a serious shortcoming in the conduct of the campaign, and raised questions about the neutrality of the state apparatus in the election. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Andras BARSONY,
Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
Vaclav EXNER
Milena KOLAROVA
Martin PRIBAN
Kimmo KILJUNEN
Jean-Claude LEFORT
Michel VOISIN
Benedetto ARSINI
Michele BUCCI
Giovanni CREMA
Franco Di COMITE
Andries POSTMA
Guikje ROETHOF
Kjell ENGBRETSSEN
Edward DASZKIEWICZ
Danuta GRABOWSKA
Krzysztof MAJKA
Dariusz WOJCIK
R.C. SERBAN

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Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Finland
France
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Italy
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Netherlands
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Poland
Poland
Poland
Romania

Cornel Sturza POPOVICI
Martian DAN
Vichentie NICOLAICIUC
Benjinariu PETRU
Baban STEFAN
Henrik LANDERHOLM
Cevher CEVHERI
H. Tekin ENEREM
Hayati KORKMAZ
Tom COX

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Romania
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Romania
Sweden
Turkey
Turkey
Turkey
United Kingdom

Accompanied by:

Orest DEYCHAKIWSKY
John FINNERTY
Chadwick GORE

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USA

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Eric RUDENSHIOLD
Hugh CHANDLER
Tina SCHØN

Programme Director
Assistant
Assistant



HUNGARY

Parliamentary Elections

11 May 1998

For the 11 May parliamentary elections in Hungary, the OSCE PA deployed a delegation of 18 parliamentary observers. Dzsingisz Gabor (Hungary) led the OSCE PA observer team. The observation mission concluded that the Hungarian elections were carried out in a highly professional and transparent manner and were in line with OSCE commitments. In particular, the delegation applauded the effective use of information technology by the Hungarian authorities during the election process.

The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Dzsingisz GABOR
Head of Delegation
Albert HEROYAN
Andraik MANUKYAN
Johann PAYER
Engelbert SCHAUFLENER
Hugo OLAERTS
Milena KOLAROVA
Martin PRIBAN
Tiit KABIN
Didier BOULAND
Dieter HEISTERMANN
Theo VAN DEN DOEL

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Armenia
Armenia
Austria
Austria
Belgium
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Estonia
France
Germany
Netherlands

Titu-Nicolar GHEORGHIU
Dan Mircea POPESCU
Cornel Sturza POPOVICI
Attila VARGA
Tekin ENEREM
Hayati KORKMAZ
Sabri TEKIR

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Turkey

Accompanied by:

Dulca DANIEL

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Jordi VAQUER i FANES

Programme Director
Assistant

MONTENEGRO**Parliamentary Elections**

31 May 1998



A delegation of 23 parliamentarians from 13 OSCE participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Montenegro on 31 May 1998. OSCE PA President Javier Rupérez was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The OSCE PA Observer Team concluded that the elections were generally well conducted and represented a significant improvement over the previous elections held in the Republic of Montenegro. The elections were a step forward towards meeting OSCE commitments. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Javier RUPÉREZ,

*President of the OSCE PA**Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office*

Wolfgang GROSSRUCK

Marianne HAGENHOFER

Martine SCHÜTTRINGER

Marcos KYPRIANOU

Martin PRIBAN

Josef MANDIK

Karel VYMETAL

Jiri PAVLOV

Karen ROENDE

Tiit KÄBIN

Michele BUCCI

Antonio CONTE

Guikje ROETHOF

Martin ZIJLSTRA

Bjoern HERNAES

Spain

Austria

Austria

Belgium

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Italy

Italy

Netherlands

Netherlands

Norway

Oddbjørg A. STARRFELT

Marian DAN

Vichentie NICOLAICIUC

Jelko KACIN

Tekken ENEREM

Lütfullah KAYALAR

Ahmet BILGE

Accompanied by:

Eva DOSTALOVA

Bosco JIMÉNEZ, *Assistant to the President of the OSCE PA*

Bob HAND

E. Wayne MERRY

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN

Jofi JOSEPH

Lotte MACHON

Norway

Romania

Romania

Slovenia

Turkey

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Turkey

Czech Republic

Spain

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Deputy Secretary General

Assistant

Assistant

CZECH REPUBLIC**Parliamentary Elections**

19-20 June 1998



A delegation of 20 parliamentarians from 7 OSCE participating states observed the parliamentary elections in the Czech Republic on 19-20 June 1998. Tone Tingsgaard (Sweden) was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The OSCE PA Election Observation Mission concluded that the elections were held in accordance with OSCE commitments. International observers attending the two-day elections for the Chamber of Deputies noted the high quality of organization and transparency in the conduct of the elections. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tone TINGSGAARD,

Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office

Narcis CASAL

Gerolf E. J' ANNEMANS

Jacques D'HOOGHE

Bjoern HERNAES

Sigvald Oppeboen HANSEN

Edward DASZKIEWICZ

Josef KALETA

Marcin ZAWILA

Marian DAN

Mihail GRAMA

Titus Nicolae GHEORGHIUF

Vichentie NICOLAICIUC

Sweden

Andorra

Belgium

Belgium

Norway

Norway

Poland

Poland

Poland

Romania

Romania

Romania

Romania

Petre MOLDOVAN

Dan Mircea POPESCU

Iosis PANES

Cornel Sturza POPOVICI

Adrian SEVERIN

Hayati KORKMAZ

Tekin ENEREM

Accompanied by:

Adriana PESCARU

Daniel DULCA

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Eric RUDENSHIOLD

Valerie RAMET

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Romania

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Romania

Program Director

Assistant



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Parliamentary Elections

12-13 September 1998

A delegation of 20 parliamentarians from 10 OSCE participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 12-13 September 1998. OSCE PA Vice-President Tana de Zulueta (Italy) was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The OSCE PA Election Observation Mission concluded that the campaign was generally well conducted.

As a whole, many aspects of the elections represented an improvement over previous years. The elections were deemed to have been an important step in the further political development of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tana De ZULUETA,
Vice-President of the OSCE PA
Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office
Wolfgang JUNG
Franz RICHAU
Brigitte TEGISCHER
Patrick HOSTEKINT
Hugo OLAERTS
Jiri PAVLOV
Jan KASAL
Karel VYMETAL
Tiit KÄBIN
Tonu KORDA
Loic BOUVARD
Katrin FUCHS
Antonio CONTE

Italy	Rui CARRETEIRO Martian DAN Sturza POPOVICI Tekin ENEREM, <i>Vice-President</i> Yahya SIMSEK Ahmet BILGE	Portugal Romania Romania Turkey Turkey Turkey
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		Deputy Secretary General Assistant



SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Parliamentary Elections

25-26 September 1998

A delegation of 28 parliamentarians from 14 OSCE participating states observed the parliamentary elections in the Slovak Republic on 25-26 September 1998. OSCE PA President Helle Degn was appointed by the Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The OSCE PA Observer Team concluded that the elections were generally conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner. No serious incidents were reported during the elections, and voter turn-out was very high. The election administration worked in an efficient manner, and conducted a technically correct election. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Helle Degn,
President of the OSCE PA
Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office
Gisela WURM
Karl WILFLING
Denis D'HONDT
Stephan GORIS
Morten Helveg PETERSEN
Raoul UKSUÁRAV
Jean-Claude LEFORT
Dieter HEISTERMANN
Mikos CSAPODY
Laszlo KOCSI
Peter MADAI
Michele BUCCI
G. WILDERS
Eduard DASZKIWEICZ
Zbigniew LERACZYK
Dorota SIMONIDES
Gabriel HAVRIS
Iosef PANES

Denmark	Virgil POPESCU Cornel Sturza POPOVICI A. VENEROVSKY Axel ANDERSSON Mats ABERG Tone TINGSGAARD Ahmet BILGE Tekin ENEREM, <i>Vice President of OSCE PA</i> Yahya SMISEK	Romania Romania Russia Sweden Sweden Sweden Turkey Turkey
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		Secretary General Program Director Press Officer Assistant Assistant

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Parliamentary Elections

18 October 1998



A delegation of 21 parliamentarians from 12 OSCE participating states observed the parliamentary elections in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 18 October 1998. OSCE PA Vice-President Tekin Enerem was appointed by the Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The Observer Team concluded that these elections represented a significant improvement over previous elections.

An important aspect of this improvement was that the new election law enjoyed wide political consensus when adopted by the parliament. The campaign was well conducted by the parties. A number of violent incidents were reported, along with some violations of the campaign silence, but these appear to have been isolated cases. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tekin ENEREM,
Vice-President of the OSCE PA
Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office
Brigitte TEGISHER
Petr SULAK
Jiri PAVLOV
Jiri KARAS
Jiri SENKYR
Didier BOULAUD
Helmut RAUBER
Michele BUCCI
Maria Celeste NARDINI
Theo van den DOEL
Bjørn HERNÆS
Sigvald OPPEBØEN
Josef KALETA
Oana MANOLESCU

Turkey

Austria

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Italy

Netherlands

Norway

Norway

Poland

Romania

Vichentie NOCILAICIUC

Titus GHEORGHIU

Carina HÄGG

Yahya SIMSEK

Hayati KORLMAZ

David HEATH

Accompanied by:

Maria WIKBERG

Robert A. HAND

Janice HELWIG

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN

Jan JOOREN

Patrick HENRICHON

Valerie RAMET

Romania

Romania

Sweden

Turkey

Turkey

UK

Sweden

USA

USA

Dep. Sec. General

Press Counsellor

Assistant

Assistant





ALBANIA

Referendum on the Constitution

22 November 1998

A delegation of 12 parliamentarians from 10 OSCE participating states observed the Albanian Referendum on the Constitution on 22 November 1998. OSCE PA Vice-President Tana de Zulueta was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Election Observation Mission. The OSCE PA Observer Team concluded that the referendum was carried out in a peaceful manner throughout the country.

Only isolated incidents of violence were reported during the vote. The delegation was encouraged to note that all of the parties called upon fulfilled their role in voting commissions at local levels. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tana DE ZULUETA,
Vice President of the OSCE PA
Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office
 Ann-Marie LIZIN
 Marcos KYPRIANOU
 Pavel HOJDA
 Vaclav EXNER
 Søren SØNDERGAARD
 Hans RAIDEL
 Michele BUCCI
 Dan MIRCEA POPESCU
 Cornel Sturza POPOVICI
 Lars U. GRANBERG
 Sabri TEKKIR

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Italy Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN Deputy Secretary General
 Jan JOOREN Press Counselor
 Herborg FISKAA Assistant

Belgium
 Cyprus
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
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 Sweden
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ARMENIA

Parliamentary Elections

30 May 1999

For the 30 May 1999 parliamentary elections in Armenia, the OSCE PA deployed a delegation of 21 parliamentarians, headed by Mrs. Tone Tingsgaard (Sweden). Mrs. Tingsgaard was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as the Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE election observation effort, and reported on 31 May that the elections demonstrated an improvement over previous elections and were conducted in a generally peaceful and orderly manner. The Mission applauded the respect for freedom of association by authorities, but expressed concerns regarding the accuracy of voter lists. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tone TINGSGAARD
Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office
 Gerhard KURZMANN
 Vaclav EXNER
 Jiri PAVLOV
 Petr SULAK
 Markku ROSSI
 Helmut RAUBER
 Antonio CONTE
 Zhandar KARIBAEV
 Kjell ENGBRETSSEN
 Sigvald Oppebøen HANSEN
 Edward DASZKIEWICH
 Nistor BADICEANU
 Martian DAN

Sweden Titu Nicolae GHEORGHIUF Romania
 Slavomir GVOZDENOVICI Romania
 Dan Mircea POPESCU Romania
 Austria Cornel Sturza POPOVICI Romania
 Czech Republic Peter OSUSKY Slovakia
 Czech Republic Lars GRANBERG Sweden
 Czech Republic

Finland
 Germany
 Italy
 Kazakhstan
 Norway
 Norway
 Poland
 Romania
 Romania

Accompanied by:

Jindrich PIETRAS Czech Republic
 Michael OCHS USA
 Chadwick GORE USA

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Eric RUDENSHIOLD Programme Director
 Tina SCHØN Research Co-ordinator
 Wenke CRUDOHF Assistant

KAZAKHSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

10 October 1999



A delegation of 15 parliamentarians from 9 OSCE participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan on 10 October 1999. Mr. Ihor Ostash, Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, was appointed to lead the Observation Mission as Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office.

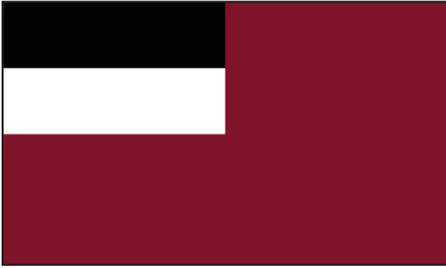
The delegation concluded that “the 10 October 1999 election of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan marks a tentative step in the country’s transition to democracy. If Kazakhstan is to make further progress in this transition, interference by executive authorities in the broader electoral process must be halted, and their resistance to international standards must be overcome”. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Ihor OSTASH,
Vice President of the OSCE PA
Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
 Martina GRAEDLER
 Luc GOUTRY
 Joris VAN HAUTHEM
 Alain ZENNER
 Jiri PAVLOV
 Jaroslav STRAIT
 Antonio CONTE
 Stefano MORSELLI
 Theo VAN DEN DOEL

	Ukraine	Fridtjof FRANK GUNDESEN	Norway
		Edward DASZKIEWICZ	Poland
		Kazimierz KLEINA	Poland
		Cemil CICEK	Turkey
	Austria	Lutfullah KAYALAR	Turkey
	Belgium		
	Belgium	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
	Belgium	Jindrich PIETRAS	Czech Republic
	Czech Republic	Michael OCHS	USA
	Czech Republic		
	Italy	<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
	Italy	Eric RUDENSHIOLD	Programme Director
	Netherlands	Dmitry SHLAPACHENKO	Assistant





GEORGIA

Parliamentary Elections

31 October 1999

A delegation of 21 parliamentarians from 12 OSCE participating States monitored the parliamentary elections in Georgia on 31 October 1999. OSCE PA Vice-President Bruce George was appointed Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office to lead the Observation Mission. The Delegation concluded that “the conduct of the 1999 parliamentary election represents a step forward towards Georgia’s compliance with OSCE commitments. Despite some irregularities, it appears that Georgian voters were generally able to express their will. Regrettably voting could not take place in Abkhazia and parts of South Ossetia”. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Bruce GEORGE,
Vice President of the OSCE PA
Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
 Haroutjun PAMBUKIAN
 Gagik VOSKARIYAN
 Gerolf ANNEMANS
 Andre GEENS
 Meryem KACAR
 Jiri PAVLOV
 Jiri SENKYR
 Tiit KABIN, *Vice President*
 Mart NUTT
 Paula KOKKONEN
 Heiner BARTLING
 Angelo FARRUGIA
 Martin ZIJLSTRA
 Kjell ENGBRETSSEN

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 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Estonia
 Estonia
 Finland
 Germany
 Malta
 Netherlands
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 Martian DAN
 Cornél POPOVICI
 Slavomir SVOZDENOVICI
 Mehmet KAYA
 Ahmet TAN

Accompanied by:
 Jindrich PIETRAS
 Michael OCHS
 Torsten BRANDIS, *Security Officer*
 Michael Gavin DELANY, *Security Officer*

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 Eric RUDENSHIOLD
 Tina SCHØN
 Emmett BELIVEAU

Norway
 Romania
 Romania
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 Turkey
 Turkey

Czech Republic
 USA
 Germany
 Germany

Programme Director
 Co-ordinator
 Assistant



RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Parliamentary Elections

19 December 1999



A delegation of 75 parliamentarians from 26 OSCE participating states observed the 19 December 1999 election of Deputies to the State Duma of the Russian Federation. Helle Degn, President of the OSCE PA was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as his Special Representative to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission.

In a joint statement of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, European Parliament, and the OSCE/ODIHR, the Delegation concluded that the State Duma elections marked significant progress for the consolidation of democracy in the Russian Federation and an increased level of confidence in the democratic process. Concerns were expressed in the statement regarding issues such as media bias, campaign expenditures and interference by executive authorities in the election process. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Helle DEGN Denmark
 President of the OSCE PA
 Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
 Head of Delegation
 Vahagn GRIGORYAN Armenia
 Amayak HOVHANNISKYAN Armenia
 Gagik MANUKYAN Armenia
 Gerhard KURZMANN Austria
 Erhard MEIER Austria
 Karl WILFING Austria
 Theo KELCHTERMANS Belgium
 Marie-José LALOY Belgium
 Jean-Paul MOERMAN Belgium
 Francis VAN DEN EYNDE Belgium
 Yiannakis THOMA Cyprus
 Stanislav FISHER Czech Republic
 Vladimír HRADIL Czech Republic
 Jiri KARAS Czech Republic
 Petr MARES Czech Republic
 Jiri PAVLOV Czech Republic
 Petr PLEVA Czech Republic
 Dusan TESNAR Czech Republic
 Pavel TOLLNER Czech Republic
 Karel VYMETAL Czech Republic
 Jan ZAPLETAL Czech Republic
 Sergei IVANOV Estonia
 Peeter KREITZBERG Estonia
 Vladimir VELMAN Estonia
 Kimmo KILJUNEN Finland
 Paula KOKKONEN Finland
 Henrik LAX Finland
 Petri NEITTAANMAKI Finland
 Rene ANDRE France
 Jose BALARELLO France
 Jean-Luc BECART France
 Nicole CATALA France
 Jacques CHAUMONT France
 Jean-Pierre KUCHEIDA France
 Jean-Claude LEFORT France
 Aymeri de MONTESQUIOU France
 Jean-Marie POIRIER France
 Yvette ROUDY France
 Henri WEBER France
 Hans-Dirk BIERLING Germany
 Christoph MOOSBAUER Germany
 Winfried NACHTWEI Germany
 Johann RAIDEL Germany
 Helmut RAUBER Germany
 Willy WIMMER Germany
 Vice-President OSCE PA
 John CONNOR Ireland

Frank FAHEY Ireland
 Michael HIGGINS Ireland
 Batt O'KEEFE Ireland
 Edouard BALLEMAN Italy
 Michele BUCCI Italy
 Antonio CONTI Italy
 Zygmunt MACKEVIC Lithuania
 Jacques-Yves HENCKES Luxembourg
 Mihai CEBAN Moldova
 Grigore SIRBU Moldova
 Jacob TIMCIUC Moldova
 Albert KOENDERS Netherlands
 Elisabeth MEIJER Netherlands
 Martin ZIJLSTRA Netherlands
 Bjørn HERNAES Norway
 Jerzy CIESLAK Poland
 Edward DASZKEVICZ Poland
 Jose SARAIVA Portugal
 Nistor BADICEANU Romania
 Slavomir GVOZDENOVICI Romania
 Adrian SEVERIN Romania
 Cornel STURZA POPOVICI Romania
 Gustav KRAJCI Slovak Republic
 Tone TINGSGAARD Sweden
 Shukhrat SULTANOV Tajikistan
 Kemal CELIK Turkey
 Igor HAVRYLOV Ukraine
 Jennifer HILTON United Kingdom

Accompanied by:

Eva DOSTALOVA Czech Republic
 Jindrich PIETRAS Czech Republic
 Søren DEHN Denmark
 Severin FONROJET France
 Louis-Marcel GARRIGA France
 Anne MEYER France
 Irina SOROKINA Germany
 Sean O'RIAIN Ireland
 Eiriol TOWNSEND Ireland
 Leonardo PALEARI Italy

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 Kurt ANDERSEN General Services Officer
 Sophie RICHARDSON Assistant to the SG
 Gina DARK Conference Co-ordinator
 Tina SCHØN Co-ordinator
 Johannes BINDER Assistant
 Massimo CARNELOS Assistant
 Nikolai MIZULIN Assistant
 David NICHOLS Assistant
 Oleg KROKHALEV Interpreter
 Alexander ILCHENKO Interpreter
 Petr PENZIN Interpreter
 Anton USPENSKY Interpreter





CROATIA

Parliamentary Elections

3 January 2000

A delegation of 26 parliamentarians from 15 OSCE participating states monitored the parliamentary elections in Croatia on 3 January 2000. Helle Degn, President of the OSCE PA was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as his Special Representative to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission. According to the joint statement of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, and OSCE/ODIHR, the election marked progress towards meeting Croatia's commitments as an OSCE participating State and as a member of the Council of Europe. The international observers emphasized that they were pleased to have noted an improvement over previous elections, particularly in respect of the high turnout of 76.7 percent.

The joint statement, however, also expressed important concerns related to Croatian legislation, such as the Citizenship Law and the representation of national minorities. Other concerns involved state media bias, the effective participation of political parties in the work of electoral commissions, accuracy and transparency of voter registers, campaign financing provisions, and the need to ensure privacy during voting. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Helle DEGN,
President of the OSCE PA
Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
Marcel COLLA
Andre GEENS
Michele GILKINET
Daan SCHALCK
Vaclav EXNER
Pavel HOJDA
Peeter KREITZBERG
Leea HILTUNEN
Michel MEYLAN
Germinal PEIRO
Georg PFANNENSTEIN
Antonio CONTE
Blagoj STOJKOVSKI

Denmark Aleksandar TRPEVSKI
Elisabeth MEIJER
Grethe FOSSUM
Svein LUDVIGSEN
Belgium Henryk KROEL
Belgium Jerzy PIENIAZEK
Belgium Martian DAN
Belgium Slavomir GVOZDENOVICI
Czech Republic Cornel STURZA POPOVICI
Czech Republic Olga KELTOSOVA
Estonia Göran LENNMARKER
Finland Andrew MACKINLEY
France
France
Germany Pentti VÄÄNÄNEN
Italy Jan JOOREN
FYROM

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Netherlands
Norway
Norway
Poland
Poland
Romania
Romania
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Slovakia
Sweden
United Kingdom

Deputy Secretary General
Press Counselor

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KYRGYZSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

20 February 2000



A delegation of 14 parliamentarians from 10 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan on 20 February 2000. OSCE PA Vice-President Ihor Ostash (Ukraine) was appointed as Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission. The delegation concluded that the 20 February parliamentary elections represented a critical event in the democratic development of the Kyrgyz Republic. Changes to electoral legislation provided the potential for increased competition and party representation and an increased role for civil society in the political process.

However, a series of decisions preventing parties and candidates from competing in the election on a fair and equal basis, and a high degree of interference in the electoral process by public prosecutors and some state officials marred the pre-election period. As a result, the parliamentary elections were not in full compliance with OSCE commitments. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Ihor OSTASH,
Vice President of the OSCE PA
Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office
 Gabriela MOSER
 Engelbert SCHAUFLENER
 Ludwig SIQUET
 Jean-Paul MOERMAN
 Jiri PAVLOV
 Jan ZAPLETAL
 Jean Pierre KUCHEIDA
 Antonio CONTE

Ukraine
 Tana DE ZULUETA
 Sigvald HANSEN
 Helena GORALSKA
 Cornel STURZA POPOVICI
 Jennifer HILTON

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 Belgium
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 France
 Italy

Accompanied by:
 Jindrich PIETRAS
 Michael OCHS

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA
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 Romania
 United Kingdom

Czech Republic
 USA

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Presidential Elections

26 March 2000

A Delegation of 46 parliamentarians from 20 OSCE participating states observed the presidential elections in Russia on 26 March 2000. OSCE PA President Helle Degn was appointed Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission. In a joint statement of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, and the OSCE/ODIHR, the international observers concluded that “the 26 March election of the President marks further progress for the consolidation of democratic elections in the Russian Federation”.

President Degn added that the election, “while in general meeting the country’s commitments as an OSCE participating State and as a member of the Council of Europe, revealed some weaknesses. Chief among these are pressure on the media and the decline of credible pluralism”. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Helle DEGN	Denmark	Michael STÜBGEN	Germany	Stig SANDSTRÖM	Sweden
<i>President of the OSCE PA</i>		Gyorgy OROSHAZI	Hungary	Ahmet TAN	Turkey
<i>Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office</i>		Edouard BALLAMAN	Italy	Nevzat YALCINTAS	Turkey
Werner AMON	Austria	Mario BRUNETTI	Italy	Oleh BILORUS	Ukraine
Ottmar BRIX	Austria	Leonardo PALEARI	Italy		
Reinhart GAUGG	Austria	Tana DE ZULUETA	Italy	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
Pieter DE CREM	Belgium	<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		Jindrich PIETRAS	Czech Republic
Peter SULAK	Czech Republic	Helena DEMAKOVA	Latvia	Søren DEHN	Denmark
Vaclav EXNER	Czech Republic	Jacques-Yves HENCKES	Luxembourg	Jovan PEJKOVSKI	FYROM
Jiri SENKYR	Czech Republic	Vasile SOIMARU	Moldova	Willy SCHELLEN	Germany
Hans ENGELL	Denmark	Elisabeth MEYER	Netherlands	Irina SOROKINA	Germany
Henrik LAX	Finland	Martin ZIJLSTRA	Netherlands	<i>Interpreter</i>	
Ani SINNEMAKI	Finland	Fridtjof Frank GUNDERSEN	Norway	Orest DEYCHAKIWSKY	U S A
Esko-Juhanl TENNILA	Finland	Bjørn HERNÆS	Norway	John FINERTY	U S A
Tomislav STOJANOVSKI	Finland	Oddbjörg STARRFELT	Norway		
Chetomir KRALEVSKI	FYROM	José SARAIVA	Portugal	<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
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Jean-Claude LEFORT	France	Martian DAN	Romania	Jan JOOREN	Press Counselor
Willy WIMMER	Germany	Titu Nicolae GHEORGHIOF	Romania	Gina DARK	Conference Co-ordinator
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		Slavomir GVOZDENOVICI	Romania	Tina SCHØN	Research Co-ordinator
Hans-Dirk BIERLING	Germany	Cornel STURZA POPOVICI	Romania	Nikolay MIZULIN	Assistant
Hans REIDEL	Germany	Anton JURIS	Slovakia	Alexander ILCHENKO	Interpreter
		Peter OSUSKY	Slovakia	Alexei FOKIN	Interpreter
		Martin NILSSON	Sweden		



AZERBAIJAN

Parliamentary Elections

5 November 2000



A delegation of 20 parliamentarians from 12 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan on 5 November 2000. MP Paula Kokkonen (Finland) was appointed Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office to lead the Election Observation Mission in Azerbaijan.

In a joint statement of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, and the OSCE/ODIHR, the international observers concluded that “the 5 November 2000 elections to the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Azerbaijan Republic constitute progress over previous elections, in particular in enhancing political pluralism. However, they fell short of international standards and significant improvements will have to be achieved in order to meet such standards for democratic elections”. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Paula KOKKONEN,
Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
Erhard MEIER
Ilse BURKET
Didier FAMOUDT
Gerolf ANNEMANS
Guy HOVE
Joris VAN HAUTHEM
Dusan TESNAR
Frantisek CHOBOTD
Mart NUTT
Helmut RAUBER
Johann RAIDEL
Asta JOHANNESDOTTIR

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Austria
Belgium
Belgium
Belgium
Belgium
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Estonia
Germany
Germany
Iceland

Antonio CONTE
Kjell ENGBRETSSEN
Sigvald OPPEBØEN-HANSEN
Dominik RUDKOWSKI
Ahmet TAN
Lutfullah KAYALAR
Jennifer HILTON

Accompanied by:

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United Kingdom

Czech Republic
USA

Programme Officer
Co-ordinator





BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Parliamentary Elections

11 November 2000

A delegation of 19 parliamentarians from 9 OSCE participating States observed the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 11 November 2000. In a statement issued on 12 November the parliamentary observers expressed their confidence that these elections, representing significant improvement over previous elections, were an important step forward in the long and difficult path to consolidating democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Bruce GEORGE,

Vice-President of the OSCE PA

Tiit KÄBIN,

Vice-President of the OSCE PA, Deputy Head of Delegation

Otmar BRIX

Reinhard BÖSCH

Johann LOOS

Terezoka STOISITS

Daniel VANPOUCKE

Fientje MOERMANN

Josy DUBIE

Anne-Marie LIZIN

United Kingdom

Estonia

Austria

Austria

Austria

Austria

Belgium

Belgium

Belgium

Belgium

Jiri PAVLOV

Jiri SENKYR

Miroslav BENES

Vladimir HRADIL

Peeter KREITZBERG

Cornel Sturza POPOVICI

Margareta VIKLUND

Ahmet TAN

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Czech Republic

Estonia

Romania

Sweden

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Penti VÄÄNÄNEN

Jan JOOREN

Deputy Secretary General

Press Counselor



SERBIA**Parliamentary Elections****23 December 2000**

A delegation of 26 parliamentarians from 15 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Serbia on 23 December 2000. OSCE PA President Adrian Severin was appointed Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission. In a joint statement of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, and the OSCE/ODIHR, the observers concluded that the 23 December National Assembly election in the Republic of Serbia/Federal Republic of Yugoslavia marked significant progress and was conducted largely in line with accepted international standards for democratic elections. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Adrian SEVERIN,
President of the OSCE PA
Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office
Anton HEINZL
Anton WATTAUL
Mechislav GIRUTS
Patrick MORIAU
Peter VANHOUTTE
Vaclav EXNER
Andrei GREGA
Jeppe KOFOD
Søren SØNDERGAARD
Tomislav STOJANOVSKI
Winfried NACHTWEI
Michele BUCCI
Antonio CONTE
Bert KOENDERS
Slavomir GVOZDENOVICI
Leonid KOROTKOV

Romania
Konstantin KOSACHEV
Sergey LOBOV
Mikhail NUZHIDINOV
Vasily POSPELOV
Austria
Yuru POTAPOV
Austria
Nikolay SAPOZHNIKOV
Belarus
Carles CAMPUZANO
Belgium
Karin WEGESTÁL
Belgium
Svitlana DRUZIUK
Czech Republic
Czech Republic
Denmark
Denmark
FYROM
Germany
Italy
Italy
Netherlands
Romania
Russian Federation

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Russian Federation
Russian Federation
Russian Federation
Spain
Sweden
Ukraine

Accompanied by:

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Valery OSTANIN
Jovan PEJKOVSKI

Romania
Russian Federation
FYROM

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Paul Le GENDRE
A. STAUN-RECHNITZER
Tina SCHØN

Secretary General
Programme Officer
Advisor
Research Co-ordinator





AZERBAIJAN

Repeat Parliamentary Elections

7 January 2001

A delegation of five OSCE parliamentarians observed the repeat parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan on 7 January 2001. MP Paula Kokkonen (Finland) was appointed as Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission.

In the joint OSCE PA-Council of Europe PA-OSCE/ODIHR statement, the observers concluded that the 7 January 2001 partial repeat elections to the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan marked some improvement compared to the 5 November 2000 ballot, but did not meet a number of international standards for democratic elections. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Paula KOKKONEN,
Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
Didier RAMOUDT
Paul WILLE
Antonio CONTE
Asta JOHANNESDOTTIR

Finland

Belgium
Belgium
Italy
Iceland

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

Paul LeGENDRE

Program Officer



MOLDOVA

Parliamentary Elections

25 February 2001

A delegation of 30 parliamentarians from 11 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Moldova on 25 February 2001. MP Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland) was appointed Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office for the Election Observation Mission.

In a joint statement of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, and the OSCE/ODIHR, the observers concluded that “these third parliamentary elections since the country’s independence in 1991, were conducted in accordance with the OSCE commitments for democratic elections enshrined in the 1990 Copenhagen Document and in the framework of the honouring of commitments and obligations of Moldova as a member State of the Council of Europe”. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Kimmo KILJUNEN,
Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
Petr SULAK
Jean-Pierre KUCHEIDA
Antonio CONTE
Michele BUCCI
O. Ausdal STARRFELT
Edward DASZKIEWICZ
Jerzy OSIATYNSKI
Petru ANDEA
Aron BELASCU
Dumitru BENTRU
Ervin SZEKELY
Eugen NICOLESCU
Gheorghe FLUTUR
Gheorghe TOKAY
Gheorghe HOHA

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Czech Republic
France
Italy
Italy
Norway
Poland
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Romania

Ioan SONEA
Ioan Aurel RUS
Mois VASALIE
Paul Tiberiu NEAMTU
Radu Mihai PRICOP
Sorin Adrian VORNICU
Traian NOVOLAN
Vasile SUCIU
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Roberto BATTELLI
Tone TINGSGAARD
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Tarik CENGIZ
Thomas COX

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Tina SCHØN

Programme Officer
Research Co-ordinator

MONTENEGRO

Parliamentary Elections

22 April 2001



A delegation of 34 parliamentarians from 17 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Montenegro on 22 April 2001. Tiit Käbin, Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, was appointed Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office for this Election Observation Mission.

In a joint statement of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, European Parliament, and the OSCE/ODIHR, the observers concluded that the 22 April 2001 parliamentary elections in Montenegro, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, was generally in line with international commitments for democratic elections. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Tiit KÄBIN,
Vice-President of the OSCE PA
Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
 Johannes ZWEYTICK
 Gabriela MOSER
 Roger BOUTECA
 Jean-Pierre MALMENDIER
 Peter VANHOUTTE
 Eduard OUSRATA
 Jiri KARAS
 Jiri LISKA
 Petr SULAK
 Søren SØNDERGAARD
 Jean-Pierre KUCHEIDA
 Vase MANČEV
 Helmut RAUBER
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 Georgios KIRKOS
 Jónína BJARTMARZ
 Michele BUCCI
 Antonio CONTE
 Tor NYMO

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 Czech Republic
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 Czech Republic
 Denmark
 France
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 Germany
 Greece
 Greece
 Iceland
 Italy
 Italy
 Norway

Oddbjørg STARRFELT
 Gheorghe TOKAY
 Gheorghe VALERIU
 Vasalie MOIS
 Alexander BELOUSOV
 Leonid BELYAV
 Valentin KNYSH
 Konstantin KOSACHEV
 Mikhail NUZHDINIV
 Eduard VOROBIEV
 Roberto BATTELLI
 Stig SANDSTRÖM
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 Jovan PEJKOVSKI
 Jindrich PIETRAS

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 Slovenia
 Sweden
 Turkey
 Turkey

Russian Federation
 FYROM
 Czech Republic

Counselor
 Research Fellow



BELARUS

Presidential Elections

9 September 2001



A delegation of 54 parliamentarians from 22 participating States observed the presidential elections in Belarus on 9 September 2002. The OSCE PA Observer Team concluded that there were fundamental flaws in the electoral process, some of which are specific to the political situation in Belarus. "These presidential elections fell short of meeting international standards for democratic elections" said Vice-President Kimmo Kiljunen, who acted as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the observation mission. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Kimmo KILJUNEN,
Vice-President of the OSCE PA

Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

Johann LOOS
Karl OLLINGER
Jacques D'HOOGE
Georges LENSSEN
Branislav LOLIC
Roumiana GUEORGUIEVA
Lyutvi MESTAN
Anastasia MOSER
Jordan PAMUKOV
Tosho PEIKOV
Jiri LISKA
Edvard OUTRATA
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Altmann KISELA-HERTA
Uta ZAPF
Edouard BALLAMAN
Michele BUCCI
Antonio CONTE
Stefano MORSELLI
Erkin BULEKBAEV
Valery DIL
Bolotbek SHERNIAZOV
Antons SEIKSTS
Vytautas KVIETKAUSKAS
Romanas A. SEDLICKAS
Victor ANDRUSCIAC
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Maria A. DOBRESCU
Vasilie MOIS

Finland

Austria

Austria

Belgium

Belgium

Bosnia/Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Germany

Italy

Italy

Italy

Italy

Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan

Latvia

Lithuania

Lithuania

Moldova

Poland

Romania

Romania

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Vladimir PLOTNIKOV

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Evgeny ZELENOV

Urban AHLIN

Carina HAGG

Tone TINSGAARD

Bayram Firat DAVANIKLI

Tahir KÖSE

Ahmet TAN

Vladimir ALEKSEEV

Volodymyr ALEKSIEIEV

Liudmyla BEZUHLA

Volodymyr MANCHENKO

Petro ROMANCHUK

Nataliia VITRENKO

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Russian Federation

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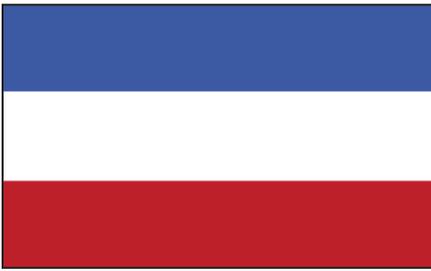
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KOSOVO

Assembly Elections

17 November 2001

A delegation of 52 parliamentarians from 17 participating States observed the Assembly Elections in Kosovo on 17 November 2001. The mission concluded that the Assembly Elections were a significant step towards constructing a democratic society based on human rights and the rule of law in the aftermath of the 1999 conflict. "Democracy based on the integration of all ethnic communities is the key to stability and economic improvement in South East Europe. The test of this election will be the functioning of the new Kosovo Assembly," said Bruce George, who led the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly delegation.

The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

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 Kamelia VOJKA
 Prec ZOGAJ
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 Georges DALLEMAGNE
 Guy D'HAESELEER
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 Vaclav EXNER
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 Giovanni KESSLER
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 Volodymir TROPIN
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Accompanied by:

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UKRAINE

Parliamentary Elections

31 March 2002



A delegation of 47 parliamentarians from 19 participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Ukraine on 31 March 2002. The conclusion of the OSCE Observer Team was that the elections indicated progress towards international standards, but significant flaws persisted.

“We are encouraged by the progress made, but the final conclusion on whether these elections have brought Ukraine closer to international standards will depend on the role of the election administration and the judiciary in the post-election phase”, said Bruce George, Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office for the election observation mission. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Bruce GEORGE,
Vice-President of the OSCE PA
Special Coordinator of the Chairman-in Office
Stefan SCHENNACH
Hans BONTE
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FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Parliamentary Elections

15 September 2002

A delegation of 41 OSCE parliamentarians from 20 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary elections in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 15 September 2002. OSCE PA Vice-President Kimmo Kiljunen was appointed Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office to lead the OSCE Observation Mission. The delegation concluded that the elections were conducted largely in accordance with OSCE commitments and international standards for democratic elections. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

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Special Co-ordinator of the Chairman-in-Office
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Radek MERKL
Edvard OUTRATA
Jiri SENKYR
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Mart NUTT
Rouquet RENE
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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

General Elections

5 October 2002



A delegation of 17 parliamentarians from 12 participating States observed the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 5 October 2002. According to the statement made by the OSCE Observer Team, the elections were largely in line with international standards for democratic elections. Shortcomings included the highly negative and often personalized nature of the campaign with little meaningful debate on reform issues.

On election day, the voting took place in a calm and peaceful atmosphere, and the voting procedures were conducted generally in a well-ordered and efficient way. "These elections mark important progress toward the consolidation of democracy and rule of law under domestic control", said Pieter De Crem, member of the Belgian Delegation to the OSCE PA, who led the OSCE observer mission as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

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ARMENIA

Parliamentary Elections

25 May 2003

An OSCE PA delegation of 13 parliamentarians from nine different countries observed the parliamentary elections in Armenia, held on 25 May 2003. The Mission was headed by Giovanni Kessler, Member of the Italian Delegation to the OSCE PA, who acted as Special Coordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, and worked in close co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

In delivering the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE, Mr. Kessler remarked that following a generally peaceful campaign, the delegation had “observed an election which represents an improvement in meeting international standards, despite a number of serious incidents and shortcomings during the electoral process”. He further regretted the lack of voter confidence in the electoral process. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

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 Petr SULAK
 Petr BRATSKY
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Deputy Secretary General
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AZERBAIJAN

Presidential Elections

15 October 2003



An OSCE PA delegation of seventeen parliamentarians from 13 countries observed the presidential elections in Azerbaijan on 15 October 2003. The Mission was headed by OSCE PA Vice-President Giovanni Kessler, who acted as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, and worked in close co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

In delivering the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE, Mr. Kessler stated that voting in the 15 October election was generally well administered in most polling stations but the overall election process still fell short of international standards in several respects, including a number of irregularities in the counting and tabulation. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

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Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
 Wolfgang GROSSRUCK
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 Siquet LOUIS
 Søren SØNDERGAARD
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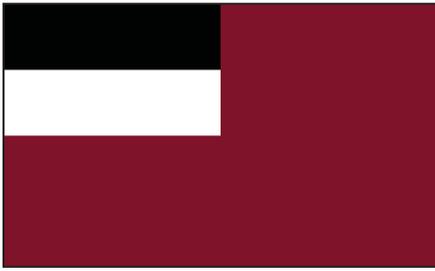
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GEORGIA

Parliamentary Elections

2 November 2003

A delegation of 20 OSCE parliamentarians from 10 participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Georgia on 2 November 2003. The observer team's statement concluded that the elections fell short of a number of international standards. Delays and confusion over voter lists contributed to a lack of public confidence in the governmental and parliamentary authorities' capacity to manage an effective and transparent election process.

Although the election provided voters with a wide choice of candidates, unrealistic timelines and improvised last minute decisions threatened to undermine the otherwise improved work of the Central Election Commission. OSCE PA President Bruce George, appointed as Special Coordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, regretted that the 2 November parliamentary elections in Georgia "have been insufficient to enhance the credibility of either the electoral or the democratic process." The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Bruce GEORGE,
President of the OSCE PA
Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
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Roudik HOVSEPYAN
Walter POSCH
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Cernal CAVDARLI
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Aron BELASCU
Valeriu GHEORGHE
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Accompanied by:

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Czech Republic

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Tina SCHØN

Press Counselor
Programme Officer



RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Parliamentary Elections

7 December 2003

A delegation of 74 parliamentarians from 27 OSCE participating States observed the State Duma Elections on 7 December 2003. The head of delegation and Special Coordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, OSCE PA President Bruce George delivered preliminary post-election statement, which concluded that the elections were well organized, but failed to meet many international standards. According to the statement, the Central Election Commission deserves credit for its professional organization of these elections.

However, the pre-election process was characterized by extensive use of the state apparatus and media favoritism to benefit the largest pro-presidential party, reflected in voter apathy. "Given that procedures on election day were conducted in a technically correct way, it is even more regrettable that the main impression of the overall electoral process is of regression in the democratization process in Russia", concluded the statement.

OSCE PA Delegation:

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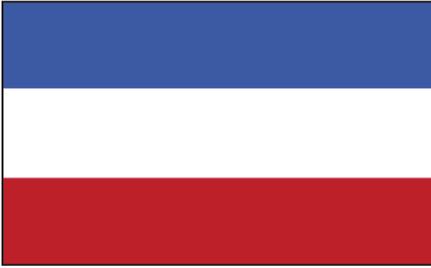
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Väino LINDE	Estonia		
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Aldis KUSKIS	Latvia		
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Bjoern HERNAES	Norway		
Audun LYSBAKKEN	Norway		
Tadeusz SAMBORSKI	Poland		
Jerzy SZTIELIGA	Poland		
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Victor Paul DOBRE	Romania		
Väsălie MOIŞ	Romania		
Laurentiu Mircea POPESCU	Romania		
Ciril PUCKO	Slovenia		
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Carles CAMPUZANO I CANADES	Spain		
Maria B. GARCIA MANZANARES	Spain		
Maria C. KLIMOWITZ WALDMANN	Spain		
Jeronimo NIETO GONZALEZ	Spain		
Urban AHLIN	Sweden		
Annelie ENOCHSON	Sweden		
Tone TINGSGAARD	Sweden		





SERBIA

Parliamentary Elections

28 December 2003

Twelve parliamentarians from nine OSCE countries participated in the OSCE PA election observation mission to Serbia on 28 December 2003. The election observation mission was a joint operation of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA and the OSCE/ODIHR. The delegation was led by Vice-President Ihor Ostash, appointed as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office.

During the press conference on 29 December, Vice-President Ostash concluded that the elections were in general carried out according to international standards. But he also recommended that the Serbian election law be reformed as a matter of urgency. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Ihor OSTASH,
Vice-President of the OSCE PA
Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
 Wolfgang GROSSRUCK
 Françoise COLINIA
 Patrick MORIAU
 Anissa TEMSAMANI
 Søren SØNDERGAARD
 Gert WEISSKIRCHEN
Vice-President of the OSCE PA

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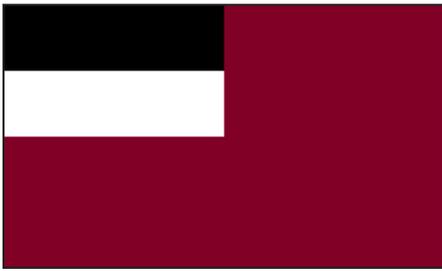
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Latvia

Deputy Secretary General





GEORGIA

Presidential Elections

4 January 2004

A delegation of 22 OSCE parliamentarians from 15 participating states observed the 4 January presidential election in Georgia, in conjunction with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. The joint statement concluded that the extraordinary presidential election demonstrated notable progress over previous elections and brought the country closer to meeting international commitments and standards for democratic elections.

The Head of Delegation, OSCE PA President Bruce George, appointed as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, said that the authorities showed the political will to conduct democratic elections, making a welcome contrast to the deeply flawed 2 November 2003 parliamentary elections. He emphasized that the forthcoming parliamentary elections would be the true test for the new authorities of their willingness and ability to conduct genuinely democratic elections and that he looked forward to returning for the parliamentary elections to witness further steps towards achieving international standards. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

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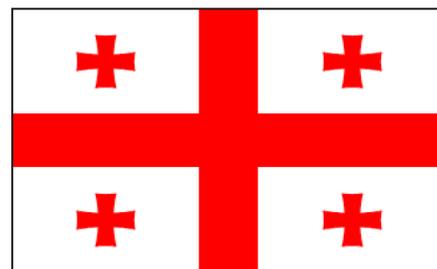
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Giovanni KESSLER, <i>Vice President</i>	Italy	Elita SNEPSTE	Latvia
Barbara HEARING, <i>Vice-President</i>	Switzerland	Vytautas KVIETKAUSKAS	Lithuania
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Petr SULAK	Czech Republic	Frederick PONSONBY	United Kingdom
Maric RUSOVA	Czech Republic		
Peeter TULUISTE	Estonia		
Rolf KRAMER	Germany		
		<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
		Michael OCHS	USA
		<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
		R. Spencer OLIVER	Secretary General
		Jan JOOREN	Press Counselor
		Tina SCHØN	Programme Officer



GEORGIA

Parliamentary Elections

28 March 2004



A delegation of 30 parliamentarians from 17 participating states observed the parliamentary elections in Georgia on 28 March 2004. For the first time in the history of the OSCE PA election observation programme, parliamentarians from OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation participated in the OSCE PA Observer Team. The joint statement published by the delegation concluded that the parliamentary elections demonstrated commendable progress in relation to the previous elections.

It was highlighted that the Georgian authorities had seized the opportunity in the months since the last elections to bring Georgia's election process closer in line with European standards for democracy. "The contrast with the November 2003 parliamentary elections is very substantial. I am encouraged by the move towards greater democratisation and I look forward on my return to witness the process deepened," said President George, appointed as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

Bruce GEORGE, <i>President of the OSCE PA</i> <i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office</i>	United Kingdom	Ingrid HASSLER	Liechtenstein
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Anton HEINZL	Austria	Khalid Hourir ALAMI	Morocco
Cemal CAVDARLI	Belgium	Bjørn HERNAES	Norway
Patrick HOSTEKINT	Belgium	Thore NISTAD	Norway
Francis VAN DEN EYNDE	Belgium	Zbigniew KULAK	Poland
Stanislav BELEHRADEK	Czech Republic	Ryszard ZBRZYŻNY	Poland
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Toomas ALATALU	Estonia	Alaattin BUYUKKAYA	Turkey
Peeter TULVISTE	Estonia	Jennifer HILTON	United Kingdom
Miapetra KUMPULA	Finland	David HEATH	United Kingdom
Hans RAIDEL	Germany		
Haya AL QARALEH	Jordan	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
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Erkin BULEKBAEV	Kyrgyzstan	Michael OCHS	USA
Aleksandrs BARATASEVICS	Latvia		
Dainis TURLAIS	Latvia	<u>International Secretariat of the OSCE PA</u>	
		Jan JOOREN	Press Counselor
		Tina SCHØN	Programme Officer





ALGERIA

Presidential Election

8 April 2004

At the invitation of the Algerian Foreign Minister Mr Abdelaziz Belkhadem, a special delegation of the OSCE PA observed the presidential elections held in Algeria on 8 April 2004. The delegation was led by OSCE PA President Bruce George of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. This was the first time that the Assembly observed an election in an OSCE partner State.

In a press conference hours after the closing of polling stations, President George and Anne-Marie Lizin, Belgian Senator expressed their opinion that the elections had been carried out in a proper and orderly manner.

OSCE PA Delegation:

GEORGE, Bruce
President of the OSCE PA
 Head of Delegation
 YALCINTAS, Nevzat
Vice President
 LIZIN, Anne-Marie

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Gustavo PALLARES Presidential Adviser



KAZAKHSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

19 September 2004



A delegation of 28 OSCE parliamentarians from 15 participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan on 19 September 2004. On 20 September 2004 in Astana, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Vice-President Ihor Ostash delivered the preliminary post-election statement, in conjunction with Tana de Zulueta, Head of the parliamentary delegation of the Council of Europe, and Ambassador Robert Barry, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission. The joint statement concluded that the elections in Kazakhstan fell short of OSCE commitments and Council of Europe standards in many respects. Of particular concern were the failure to fully implement improved election observation legislation and the manner in which electronic voting was introduced, which did not contribute to confidence in the election process. "It is disappointing that the improved election legislation did not result in a more transparent election than we witnessed yesterday," said Vice-President Ostash, appointed by the OSCE Chairman in Office as the Special Co-ordinator for the Short-term observers. "However, we did note some improvements from previous elections and we stand ready to continue the work with the election authorities to strengthen both the legislation and the process."

Prior to election day, the parliamentarians attended an extensive briefing programme, during which they heard from leaders of the main political parties, representatives of the mass media, observers and experts. On election day, parliamentary observer teams were deployed in the Almaty and Astana areas. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

OSTASH, Ihor, <i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>	Ukraine	STENSAKER, Christopher	Norway
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office</i>		GUDZOWSKI, Stanislaw	Poland
GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang	Austria	KULAK, Zbigniew	Poland
ÖLLINGER, Karl	Austria	FILIPESCU, Cornel	Romania
COVELIERS, Hugo	Belgium	MOIS, Vasile	Romania
DE DONEA, Francois X.	Belgium	NICOLAESCU, Ioan	Romania
KARAS, Jiri	Czech Republic	CAMPUZANO, Carles	Spain
LISKA, Jiri	Czech Republic	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
OUTRATA, Edvard	Czech Republic	DEMIRKIRAN, Afif	Turkey
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic	TUNA, Mustafa	Turkey
SULAK, Petr	Czech Republic	COX, Tom	United Kingdom
ALATALU, Toomas	Estonia	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
TULVISTE, Peeter	Estonia	PIETRAS, Jindrich	Czech Republic
GABASHVILI, Konstatine	Georgia	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
RAUBER, Helmut	Germany	IONEL, Ivan	Romania
WEGENER, Hedi	Germany	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	JOOREN, Jan	Press Counsellor
HERNAES, Bjorn	Norway	LEGENDRE, Paul	Programme Officer





BELARUS

Parliamentary Elections

17 October 2004

A delegation of 44 parliamentarians from 25 OSCE participating States observed the parliamentary election in Belarus on 17 October 2004. On 18 October 2004 in Minsk, OSCE PA Vice-President Tone Tingsgaard delivered the preliminary post-election statement, in conjunction with Ambassador Audrey Glover, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission. The statement concluded that the elections in Belarus fell significantly short of OSCE commitments for democratic elections.

The Belarusian authorities failed to ensure the fundamental conditions necessary for the will of the people to serve as a basis for authority of government. Freedom of expression, association and assembly were seriously challenged. This calls into question the willingness of the authorities to respect the concept of political competition on a basis of equal treatment, stated the OSCE Election Observation Mission. "Democratic principles were largely disregarded by the authorities. Many candidates were actively excluded from registering or were deregistered, which limited the choice of voters", said Vice-President Tingsgaard, appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator for the Short-term Observers. "Although we were here to observe the parliamentary elections, we found that the referendum largely overshadowed the parliamentary election campaign."

The statement also stressed that the OSCE and its institutions represented in the Election Observation Mission remain prepared and committed to assisting the national authorities, including the National Assembly, and civil society of Belarus, in overcoming the impediments to the conduct of democratic elections. They called upon the Belarusian authorities to respond positively and create the conditions for a meaningful democratic electoral process in Belarus. In this spirit of co-operation, they welcome the National Assembly of Belarus to actively participate in the work of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

TINGSGAARD, Tone	Sweden	NISTAD, Thore	Norway
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		STENSAKER, Christopher	Norway
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office</i>		GUDZOWSKI, Stanislaw	Poland
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		KRZYWICKI, Piotr	Poland
BADEYAN, Manuel	Armenia	KULAK, Zbigniew	Poland
GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang	Austria	SZTELIGA, Jerzy	Poland
KONRAD, Olga	Austria	BELASCU, Aron	Romania
DESEYN, Roel	Belgium	BENEDIKTOV, Nikolai	Russian Federation
BRATSKY, Petr	Czech Republic	KONDROT, Maros	Slovakia
KARAS, Jiri	Czech Republic	LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic	AHLIN, Urban	Sweden
RUSOVA, Marie	Czech Republic	ENOCHSON, Annelie	Sweden
GJELLEROD, Henning	Denmark	WIGSTÖM, Cecilia	Sweden
MOOS, Helga	Denmark	BUYUKKAYA, Alaattin	Turkey
LINDE, Vaino	Estonia	HACALOGLU, Algan	Turkey
MARIANI, Thierry	France	ZIYA DIREN, Orhan	Turkey
GRUND, Manfred	Germany	PONSONBY, Fred	United Kingdom
SCHIRMBECK, Georg	Germany		
ZAPF, Uta	Germany	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
MAKRI, Zoi	Greece	IONEL, Ivan	Romania
CIANI, Fabio	Italy	DEYCHAKIWSKY, Orest	USA
RIGHETTI, Franco	Italy	McNAMARA, Ronald	USA
ZHEXEMBINOV, Zhomartkali	Kazakhstan	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
KASTENS, Oskars	Latvia	VÄÄNÄNEN, Pentti	Deputy Secretary General
DMITRIJEVAS, Sergejus	Lithuania	JOOREN, Jan	Press Counsellor
VAREIKUS, Egidijus	Lithuania	LEGENDRE, Paul	Programme Officer
CALMATUI, Valeriu	Moldova		
VAN WISEN, Bart	Netherlands		

UKRAINE

Presidential Election (First Round)

31 October 2004



A delegation of 46 OSCE parliamentarians from 18 participating States observed the Presidential Elections in Ukraine on 31 October 2004. “With heavy heart we have to conclude that the 2004 Presidential elections in Ukraine did not meet a considerable number of OSCE, Council of Europe and other international standards for democratic elections”, concluded Bruce George, President Emeritus of the OSCE PA, at the press conference in Kiev on 1 November. Mr. George gave this statement on behalf of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM), which included representatives from the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, NATO PA, the European Parliament and the OSCE/ODIHR. Mr. George also felt that “this election process constituted a step backwards from the 2002 elections” in Ukraine.

According to their observations, the campaign of incumbent Prime Minister - and candidate - Mr. Yanukovich's did not make a clear separation between resources owned or managed by the incumbent political forces and State resources. International observers also criticized the state media and state administration for overwhelming bias in favour of the Prime Minister.

The IEOM also took note of a number of positive aspects and progress in the election process. They concluded that there was political pluralism and competition, which offered voters the potential for real choice. The IEOM in Ukraine was amongst the largest ever deployed in an OSCE participating State. There were more than 600 observers, including some 130 parliamentarians representing four parliamentary institutions.

The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

GEORGE, Bruce <i>President Emeritus of the OSCE PA</i> <i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office</i>	United Kingdom
GRAFSTEIN, Jerry <i>Treasurer of the OSCE PA</i> <i>Deputy Head of Delegation</i>	Canada
GASSNER, Kurt	Austria
WEIHARTER, Engelbert	Austria
JEAN-POL, Henry	Belgium
Van den EYNDE, Seraphin F.	Belgium
MILNE, Lorna	Canada
KARAS, Jiri	Czech Republic
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic
PLEVA, Petr	Czech Republic
VACLAVEK, Jiri	Czech Republic
SEDIVA, Hana	Czech Republic
ALATALU, Toomas	Estonia
ATONEN, Meelis	Estonia
HERKEL, Andres	Estonia
LANG, Rein	Estonia
MEIKAR, Silver	Estonia
TAMM, Juri	Estonia
VELMAN, Vladimir	Estonia
COVA, Charles	France
FAUCHON, Pierre	France
MARIANI, Thierry	France
METREVELI, Petre	Georgia
REIDEL, Hans	Germany
ZOIS, Christos	Greece
KANELLOPOULOU, Krinio	Greece
KLEMENTJEVS, Andrejs	Latvia
PETERS, Krisjanis	Latvia
HASSLER, Ingrid	Liechtenstein
KUZMIEKAS, Kestutis	Lithuania
SEDLICKAS, Romanas	Lithuania
TRETJAKOV, Valerij	Lithuania
BURBIENE, Sigita	Lithuania
KULAK, Zbigniew	Poland
ILASCU, Ilie	Romania

DOBRESCU, Maria Antoneta	Romania
SOLOMATIN, Egor	Russian Federation
LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
POZUELO MENO, Maria	Spain
AYALAN, Sukru	Turkey

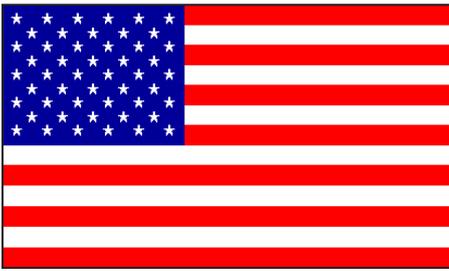
Accompanied by:

CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
IONEL, Ivan	Romania
BORDUJENKO, Ija	Russian Federation

International Secretariat

VÄÄNÄNEN, Pentti	Deputy Secretary General
LEGENDRE, Paul	Programme Officer
O' SUILLEABHAIN, Eoghan	Research Assistant





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Presidential Election

2 November 2004

Forty-six parliamentarians from 23 OSCE countries led observer teams across the United States in the first comprehensive OSCE election observation mission to that country. The President of the OSCE PA, Alcee L. Hastings, appointed Swiss parliamentarian Barbara Haering, Vice-President of the OSCE PA, to lead the Short-Term Observation Mission and asked the Chairman-in-Office to appoint her as the Special Co-ordinator for the Mission. Upon the request of President Hastings, the C-i-O also appointed Giovanni Kessler as the deputy to Mrs. Haering. Following a decision by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to deploy only a limited observation mission, the PA International Secretariat, assisted by the staff of President Hastings as well as Congressmen Hoyer and Cardin, organized all aspects of the observation mission. Secretary General Spencer Oliver and Fred Turner, Chief of Staff to President Hastings, organized an intensive two days of briefings, which were strictly balanced and non-partisan. After the briefings in the U.S. Congress in Washington, the parliamentarians, accompanied by staff and experts from the PA International Secretariat, followed the election process in the key battleground States of Ohio, Florida, New Mexico, and Minnesota, as well as in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

On 4 November Mrs. Haering delivered the preliminary post-election statement at the National Press Club in Washington. The statement concluded that the 2 November elections in the USA met most OSCE election-related commitments. According to the statement, the presidential elections were concluded in a highly competitive environment, and the leading candidates enjoyed the full benefits of media. However, the Election Observation Mission took note of the fact that only a very small proportion of the elections for the 434 congressional districts were generally considered to be competitive. In some cases this was attributed to the way congressional boundaries were drawn. Mrs. Haering also underlined the importance of the fact that the US Government had invited the OSCE to carry out this Election Observation Mission. "It is a sign of the credibility of the USA within the OSCE. And carrying out this Election Observation Mission in keeping with normal practice in the OSCE in accordance with agreements made by the 55 OSCE participating countries, enhances the credibility of the Organization".

Mrs. Haering also told reporters that the U.S. State Department had fulfilled its OSCE obligations by inviting the OSCE to observe the elections. The Parliamentary Assembly had responded not only because of the high interest in the U.S. elections, but also because it is important that the OSCE not be seen as having double standards on election monitoring. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

HAERING, Barbara	Switzerland	KILJUNEN, Kimmo	Finland
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		KUMPULA, Miapetra	Finland
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office</i>		LEFORT, Jean-Claude	France
KESSLER, Giovanni	Italy	KAMMENOS, Panos	Greece
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>	
DADE, Arta	Albania	EFTHIMIOY, Petros	Greece
CHERGINETS, Nikolai	Belarus	RIGHETTI, Franco	Italy
COVELIERS, Hugo	Belgium	OMAROV, Sharip	Kazakhstan
DELIZEE, Jean Marc	Belgium	SARPEKOV, Ramazan	Kazakhstan
LAMBERT, Geert	Belgium	SIMAMBAYEV, Tasbay	Kazakhstan
TOMMELEIN, Bart	Belgium	YESSIMKHANOV, Sangyndyk	Kazakhstan
EVAGOROU, Stavros	Cyprus	FARRUGIA, Angelo	Malta
THEOCHAROUS, Eleni	Cyprus	GARDETTO, Jean-Charles	Monaco
CHRISTENSEN, Carina	Denmark	ALBAYRAK, Nebahat	Netherlands
QURESHI, Kamal	Denmark	<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>	
SØNDERGAARD, Søren	Denmark	HERNAES, Björn	Norway
TULVISTE, Peeter	Estonia	ENGEBRETSEN, Kjell	Norway
AKAAN-PENTTILÄ, Eero	Finland	LYSBAKKEN, Audun	Norway
		BELASCU, Aron	Romania

MOIS, Vasalie
 TOKAY, Gheorghe
 IVANCHENKO, Leonid
 KOZLOVSKIY, Alexander
 OSTROVSKIY, Alexey
 DJORDJEVIC, Toplica
 HÄGG, Carina
 LENNMARKER, Göran
 LINDESTAM, Åsa
 ÖZURKUT, Sermin
 MIESCH, Christian
 YALCINTAS, Nevzat
Vice-President of the OSCE PA
 BUYUKKAYA, Alaattin
 KEPENEK, Yakup

Romania
 Romania
 Russian Federation
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 Russian Federation
 Serbia & Montenegro
 Sweden
 Sweden
 Sweden
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 Switzerland
 Turkey
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SAVARESE, Giacomo
 NURMAGAMBETOV, Galymzhan
 PESCARU, Adriana Gabriela
 DZAKHAEV, Semyon
 STRITT-SCHWEGLER, Suzanne
 ELIBOL, Yasemin

International Secretariat
 EVSEYEV, Vitaly
 JOOREN, Jan
 NOTHELLE, Andreas
 RICHARDSON, Sophie
 General
 PALLARES, Gustavo
 SCHØN, Tina

Italy
 Kazakhstan
 Romania
 Russian Federation
 Switzerland
 Turkey

 Deputy Secretary General
 Press Counselor
 Special Representative
 Assistant to the Secretary

 Programme Officer
 Programme Officer

Accompanied by:
 MILIOU, Panagiota
 OJETTI, Emanuele

Greece
 Italy





UKRAINE

Presidential Election (Second Round)

21 November 2004

An OSCE PA delegation of 22 parliamentarians from 14 participating States observed the second round of the Ukrainian presidential elections on 21 November 2004. “The second round of the Ukrainian Presidential elections did not meet a considerable number of OSCE commitments, Council of Europe and other European Standards for democratic elections”, concluded Mr. Bruce George, President Emeritus of the OSCE PA, who was appointed by PA President Alcee L. Hastings and OSCE Chairman-in-Office Solomon Passy to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission. At a press conference in Kiev on 22 November, Mr. George delivered the conclusions of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM), which consisted of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, European Parliament, NATO PA and the OSCE/ODIHR. Mr. George reminded his audience that three weeks earlier, the IEOM had appealed to the Ukrainian authorities to use the interim three weeks between the two rounds of elections to improve on the shortcomings noted in the first round. “Today I announce that it is with an even heavier heart that we have to conclude that the authorities did not respond positively to our appeal.”

The IEOM statement lists a number of significant shortcomings. In particular, they noted the abuse of state resources in favour of the incumbent Prime Minister, demonstrating a widespread disregard for the fundamental distinction between the State and partisan political interests.

The IEOM statement also refers to the bias in the State controlled media and inaccuracies in the voter lists. The statement also refers to a number of encouraging aspects of the electoral process. It was noted that citizens in many regions seemed more confident in exercising their basic right to free expression and that a large number of journalists had openly protested against effective censorship. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

GEORGE, Bruce	United Kingdom
<i>President Emeritus of the OSCE PA</i>	
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office</i>	
GASSNER, Kurt	Austria
WEILHARTER, Engelbert	Austria
Van den EYNDE, Seraphin F.	Belgium
KARAS, Jiri	Czech Republic
RUSOVA, Marie	Czech Republic
LINDE, Vaino	Estonia
MEIKAR, Silver	Estonia
OUN, Aivar	Estonia
TAMM, Juri	Estonia
MARIANI, Thierry	France
ZOIS, Christos	Greece
CIANI, Fabio	Italy
KLEMENTJEVS, Andrejs	Latvia
ZAREMBA, Krzysztof	Poland
BELASCU, Aron	Romania
ILASCU, Ilie	Romania

LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
POZUELO, Isabel	Spain
AHLIN, Urban	Sweden
AYALAN, Sukru	Turkey
TUNA, Mustafa	Turkey

Accompanied by:

CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
IONEL, Ivan	Romania
DEYCHAKIWSKY, Orest	USA
FINNERTY, John	USA
McNAMARA, Ronald	USA
OCHS, Michael	USA

International Secretariat

VÄÄNÄNEN, Pentti	Deputy Secretary General
LEGENDRE, Paul	Programme Officer



UKRAINE

Presidential Election
(Rerun of the Second Round)

26 December 2004



An OSCE PA delegation of 89 parliamentarians from 22 participating States observed the repeat second round of the presidential election in Ukraine on 26 December 2004. "I cannot express to you how delighted I am to say that in our collective view, Ukraine's elections have moved substantially closer to meeting OSCE and other European standards in such a short period of time. In our judgment the people of this great country can be truly proud that yesterday they took a great step towards free and democratic elections, by electing the next President of Ukraine", announced Mr. Bruce George, President Emeritus of the OSCE PA, who was appointed by PA President Alcee L. Hastings and the OSCE Chairman-in-Office to lead the OSCE Election Observation Mission.

Mr. George made his statement at a press conference in Kiev on 27 December on behalf of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM), which was composed of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, European Parliament, NATO PA and the OSCE/ODIHR. The IEOM concluded that there had been great improvement in the work of the election administration, and in particular of the Central Election Commission. Other positive elements included fewer examples of abuse of state resources, respect for the freedom of association, significantly greater balance in coverage by the media, editorial instructions were no longer issued to journalists and there were far fewer reports of people dependent on the State for their livelihood being pressured in their choice of candidate. However, some shortcomings remained, such as poorly prepared voter lists, inflammatory campaign material and the failure to incorporate provisions in the newly amended electoral legislation clarifying the role of the police on election day and requiring the Central Election Commission to publish all polling station results promptly.

The IEOM deployed a record 1 370 observers, including some 150 parliamentarians representing four parliamentary institutions. The OSCE PA deployed 90 observers, providing the largest number of parliamentary observers.

OSCE PA Delegation:

GEORGE, Bruce	United Kingdom	EESMA, Enn	Estonia
<i>President Emeritus of the OSCE PA</i>		HANSON, Margus	Estonia
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office</i>		JOGI, Helmer	Estonia
HASTINGS, Alcee L.	USA	KERGE, Ago-Endrik	Estonia
<i>President of the OSCE PA</i>		LANG, Rein	Estonia
GRAFSTEIN, Jerahmiel	Canada	LENK, Heimar	Estonia
<i>Treasurer, Deputy Head of the OSCE PA Delegation</i>		LINDE, Vaino	Estonia
GASSNER, Kurt	Austria	LOOTSMANN, Varner	Estonia
WEILHARTER, Engelbert	Austria	LOTMAN, Mihail	Estonia
BOUKORNA, Mohammed	Belgium	MAE, Tiit	Estonia
Van den EYNDE, Seraphin F.	Belgium	MAGI, Leino	Estonia
BUCHKOV, Nikolai	Bulgaria	MEIKAR, Silver	Estonia
CHAUSH, Hyusein	Bulgaria	PADAR, Ivari	Estonia
KENAROV, Plamen	Bulgaria	PAULS, Ants	Estonia
PEYKOV, Toshio	Bulgaria	PURG, Kaarel	Estonia
TENEVA, Atanaska	Bulgaria	RAHUMAGI, Jaanus	Estonia
BIGRAS, Bernard	Canada	REINSALU, Urmas	Estonia
CHRISTOPHERSON, David	Canada	TAMM, Juri	Estonia
DI NINO, Consiglio	Canada	TULVISTE, Peeter	Estonia
GOLDRING, Peter	Canada	ROOS, Reet	Estonia
BRATSKY, Petr	Canada	KILJUNEN, Kimmo	Finland
KARAS, Jiri	Czech Republic	LEFORT, Jean-Claude	France
OUTRATA, Eduard	Czech Republic	ROUQUET, Rene	France
RUSOVA, Marie	Czech Republic	TAILLET, Frederic	France
SULAK, Petr	Czech Republic	GRILL, Kurt Dieter	Germany
CHRISTENSEN, Carina	Denmark	GRUND, Manfred	Germany
POULSEN, Troels Lund	Denmark	SCHAFFER, Axel	Germany
AIDMA, Rein	Estonia	DIMARAS, Giannis	Greece
ARJAKAS, Kullo	Estonia	MAKRYGIANNIS, Miltiadis	Greece
ARU, Peep	Estonia	EKES, Jozsef	Hungary
		HARS, Gabor	Hungary

ALEKSEJEVS, Andrejs
 GILIS, Valdis
 PATMALNIEKS, Janis
 PIETKEVICS, Mihails
 TOMELS, Janis
 PLAVINA, Anda
 RUGATE, Anta
 PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas
 STARKEVICIUS, Kazys
 ZINGERIS, Emanuelis
 BALSIENE, Aldona
 KULAK, Zbigniew
 ZAREMBA, Krzysztof
 ILASCU, Ilie
 GREBENIKOV, Valery
 KOZLOVSKY, Alexander
 LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus
 BENGTTSSON, Anders
 LENNMARKER, Göran
 VON DER ESCH, Björn
 MIESCH, Chistian
 DIREN, Orhen Ziya
 TUNA, Mustafa

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KRUMINS, Alberts
 GEORGE, Lisa
 WHATFORD, Nathalie
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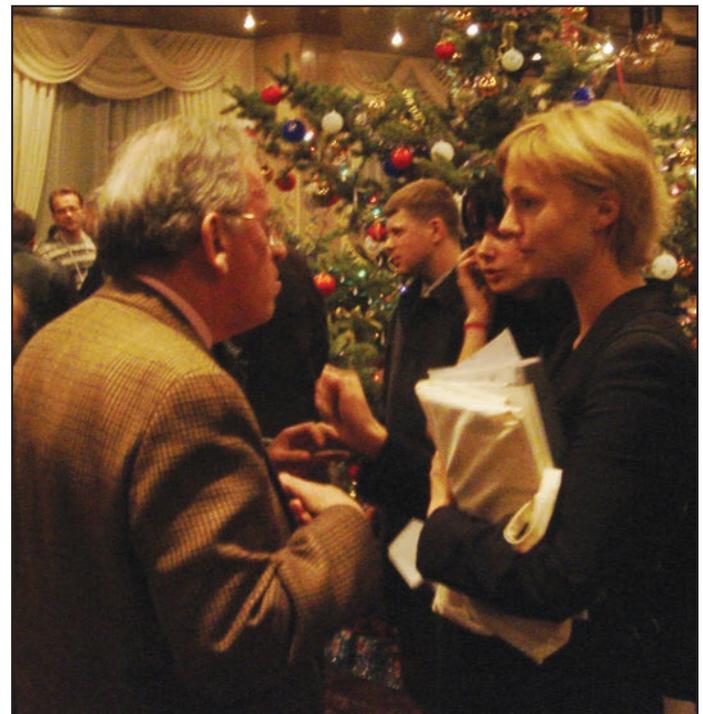
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 JOOREN, Jan
 LEGENDRE, Paul
 SCHØN, Tina

Secretary General
 Press Counselor
 Programme Officer
 Programme Officer

Accompanied by:

RASMUSSEN, Henrik
 OLSEN, Anne

Denmark
 Denmark



KYRGYZSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

27 February 2005



A delegation of seven OSCE parliamentarians from five participating States observed the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan on 27 February 2005. On 28 February in Bishkek, Kimmo Kiljunen announced the preliminary conclusions of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM), concluding that “These elections were more competitive than previous ones, but sadly this was undermined by vote buying, de-registration of candidates, interference with media and a worryingly low confidence in judicial and electoral institutions on the part of voters and candidates”. On the request of OSCE PA President Alcee L. Hastings, OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Slovenian Foreign Minister Dimitrij Rupel had appointed Mr. Kiljunen as Special Co-ordinator for the observation of the elections.

In presenting the preliminary conclusions of the Observation Mission – a joint undertaking of the OSCE PA, the European Parliament and the OSCE/ODIHR – Mr. Kiljunen highlighted a number of negative aspects. In particular, repeated warnings in advance of the elections by high officials of the potential of civil war undermined the pre-election environment, as did the restrictive application of the Election Code, which cancelled the right to candidacy of a number of prominent individuals on the grounds that, as former diplomats, they had recently lived outside of the country. These, as well as other shortcomings, contributed to a lack of confidence in the electoral process.

Nonetheless, the IEOM noted positive trends in some areas, including an improved legal framework, greater competition offering voters a genuine choice in candidates, and improved transparency at polling stations. The IEOM preliminary conclusions also noted that election day was peaceful and orderly, and welcomed that domestic observers were present in a very high percentage of polling stations.

The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

KILJUNEN, Kimmo
Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chair-in-Office
GROSSBRUCK, Wolfgang
OLLINGER, Karl
DIMARAS, Giannis
ZOIS, Christos
CIANI, Fabio
KULAK, Zbigniew

Accompanied by:

Finland	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
	THAMES, Knox	USA
Austria		
Austria	<u>International Secretariat:</u>	
Greece	LEGENDRE, Paul	Programme Officer
Greece		
Italy		
Poland		



ALBANIA

Parliamentary Elections

3 July 2005



While most members of the OSCE PA were participating in the Assembly's Annual Session in Washington DC, the OSCE PA nevertheless sent a group of 21 parliamentarians from 10 countries to observe the parliamentary elections in Albania, July 3 2005. In a press conference held the following day, the international observation mission delivered the preliminary conclusions that the elections "were competitive and the people were provided with a diversity of information. The voters were obviously dedicated to making use of their rights, and the local voting commissions were determined to have free and fair elections." While the Central Election Commission administered the elections professionally, state and local authorities and major political parties had not demonstrated the political will that corresponds with their responsibilities for the electoral process. Overcrowding, delays and uncertainty regarding identification of voters were among the observations that recurred frequently. The delay in launching the electoral reforms to address the shortcomings from previous elections had also negatively affected the preparation and the conduct of the elections.

After extensive briefings, which included meetings with leading candidates of the main parties, the OSCE Parliamentarians observed the voting and vote counting in over 120 polling stations throughout the country. The Mission was a joint undertaking with the ODIHR, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament, and despite the OSCE PA's Annual Session taking place at the same time, the OSCE PA fielded the largest parliamentary delegation to the elections, which together with 20 participants from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and eight from the European Parliament, contributed their expertise as parliamentary and political practitioners to the overall election observation mission of the OSCE, which included a total of 408 short-term observers from 36 OSCE participating States, deployed in over 1,200 voting and 82 counting centres.

Ambassador Andreas Nothelle, Special Representative of the OSCE PA in Vienna, co-ordinated the activities of the PA team. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

HEINZL, Anton
 BUCHER, Josef
 LALOY, Marie-Jose
 NEEL, Gustave
 BOUKOURNA, Mohammed
 KRYEMADHI, Safet
 CADA, Vladimir
 LUND, Jens Christian
 VOULTEPSI, Sofia
 PANTOULAS, Michail
 TSIOGAS, Dimitrios
 LEVENTIS, Athanasios
 FARAGO, Peter
 GRUBER, Attila
 EKES, Jozsef
 GEORGIAN, Daniela
 DAVID, Gheorghe
 VARGA, Attila
 BLIZHINA, Liubov
 SENTYURIN, Yury
 CHISTYAKOVA, Elena

Austria
 Austria
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 Czech Republic
 Denmark
 Greece
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 Romania
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 Russian Federation
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Accompanied by:

CHAMPOURIS, Georgios
 HAND, Robert

Greece
 USA

International Secretariat:

NOTHELLE, Andreas

Special Representative





KYRGYZSTAN

Presidential Election

10 July 2005

During the press conference following the 10 July Presidential election in Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland) related the findings of the observers that “tangible progress” had been made by the Kyrgyz Republic towards meeting its OSCE commitments, as well as other international standards for democratic elections. Fundamental civil and political rights were generally respected and there was an improved media environment. Appointed as Special Co-ordinator for the short-term observation mission by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. Kiljunen continued by stating that he was “pleased to note the increased political will to hold democratic elections this time around. The election marked a clear progress, although the quality of the process deteriorated during the vote count.”

The Election Observation Mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE PA, the ODIHR, and the European Parliament. It consisted of 340 observers from 45 countries. Mr. Kiljunen headed the OSCE PA delegation which consisted of 18 Members of Parliament from 10 countries.

The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

KILJUNEN, Kimmo
Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chair-in-Office
 GROSSBRUCK, Wolfgang
 LUNACEK, Ulrike
 VAN PEEL, Marc
 BICIK, Milan
 BRATSKY, Petr
 KARAS, Jiri
 BRATSKY, Ludmila
 RUSOVA, Marie
 CHRISTMAS-MOELLER, Pia
 HOLMSGAARD, Anne Grete
 EKES, Jozsef

Finland
 Austria
 Austria
 Belgium
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Czech Republic
 Denmark
 Denmark
 Hungary

LYDEKA, Arminas
 PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas
 ILASCU, Ilie
 BENEDIKTOV, Nikolai
 CHUROV, Vladimir
 GERASIMOV, Valery
 LOPEZ MEDEL, Jesus

Lithuania
 Lithuania
 Romania
 Russian Federation
 Russian Federation
 Russian Federation
 Spain

Accompanied by:

IONEL, Ivan

Romania

International Secretariat:

LEGENDRE, Paul

Programme Officer



AZERBAIJAN

Parliamentary Elections

6 November 2005



Delivering the conclusions of the joint International Election Observation Mission to the November 6 parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, OSCE PA President Alcee L. Hastings reported that the “elections did not meet a number of OSCE commitments and Council of Europe standards for democratic elections.” President Hastings delivered the conclusions in a press conference on 7 November on behalf of the 52 OSCE parliamentarians and the joint Mission, which included over 600 observers from 42 countries. Hastings was appointed by the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Slovenian Foreign Minister Dimitrij Rupel, to lead the observation effort on behalf of the OSCE.

“It pains me to report that progress noted in the pre-election period was undermined by significant deficiencies in the count,” said Congressman Hastings. The PA President in particular pointed to serious deficiencies in the counting and tabulation of the votes. President Hastings also expressed concern over restrictions placed on the freedom of assembly prior to the elections, which he noted had marred the campaign.

The IEOM was a joint undertaking of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

President Hastings appointed the following delegation to observe the elections:

OSCE PA Delegation:

HASTINGS, Alcee L. <i>President of the OSCE PA, Special Coordinator of the OSCE Chair-in-Office</i>	USA	PLACHY, Jaroslav RUSOVA, Marie SULAK, Petr CHRISTMAS-MOELLER, Pia <i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>	Czech Republic Czech Republic Czech Republic Denmark
HEINZL, Anton	Austria	DYBKJAER, Lone	Denmark
WATTAUL, Anton	Austria	AARMA, Olev	Estonia
BOUKOURNA, Mohammed	Belgium	ALLIK, Jaak	Estonia
DESTEXHE, Alain	Belgium	EFENDIJEV, Eldar	Estonia
VAN THEMSCHE, Frieda	Belgium	LAUR, Jarno	Estonia
KITOV, Borislav	Bulgaria	LINDE, Väino	Estonia
TSVETKOVA, Vanya	Bulgaria	VELMAN, Vladimir	Estonia
KARAS, Jiri	Czech Republic	LEFORT, Jean-Claude	France
LISKA, Jiri	Czech Republic	KRAMER, Rolf	Germany
OUTRATA, Edvard	Czech Republic		



Alcee L. Hastings delivers the IEOM preliminary statement in Baku, 7 November 2005

DIMARAS, Diannis	Greece	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	BÜYÜKKAYA, Alaattin	Turkey
KESSLER, Giovanni	Italy	GÜNDÜZ, Süleyman	Turkey
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		KEPENEK, Yakup	Turkey
LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania	YALCINTAS, Nevzat	Turkey
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania	<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>	
MORGADO, Jorge Tadeu	Portugal	HILTON, Jennifer	United Kingdom
SOARES, Joao	Portugal		
GHEORGHE, Valeriu	Romania	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
ILIE, Ilascu	Romania	PIETRAS, Jindrich	Czech Republic
VLASE, Petru Gabriel	Romania	DUMAS, Jean-Louis	France
DAVLETOVA, Kamilia	Russian Federation	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
DEMCHUK, Nikolay	Russian Federation	IONEL, Ivan	Romania
IVANCHENKO, Leonid	Russian Federation	DZAKHAEV, Semyon	Russian Federation
KOZLOVSKIY, Alexander	Russian Federation	KUZMINA, Irina	Russian Federation
SENTYURIN, Yuri	Russian Federation	GOMEZ-BERNARDO, Teresa	Spain
SHIBALKIN, Alexander	Russian Federation	GRIDDINE, Vanessa	USA
ZMAGO, Jelincic Plemeniti	Slovenia	MCNAMARA, Ronald	USA
CAMPUZANO, Carles	Spain		
GUILLOT, Jordi	Spain	<u>International Secretariat:</u>	
LÓPEZ-MEDEL, Jesús	Spain	SCHØN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
POZUELO, Isabel	Spain	LEGENDRE, Paul	Programme Officer
TINGSGAARD, Tone	Sweden	BAKER, Andreas	Programme / Press Officer
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>			



KAZAKHSTAN

Presidential Election

4 December 2005



Although the International Election Observation Mission noted some improvements over past elections in the administration of the December 4 Presidential election in Kazakhstan, the election did not meet a number of OSCE commitments for democratic elections, reported Bruce George on December 5. Mr. George was appointed by OSCE PA President Alcee L. Hastings and the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Slovenian Foreign Minister Dimitrij Rupel, to lead the short-term observation effort and to deliver the preliminary post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE. In delivering the main conclusions of the Mission, Mr. George highlighted a number of positive elements such as inclusive candidate registration and an extensive voter education campaign. However, media bias in favor of the incumbent, as well as restrictions on freedom of expression and intimidation of members of the opposition indicated insufficient political will by the authorities to hold a genuinely good election, reported Mr. George.

Mr. George, a former PA President, was speaking at a press conference on behalf of over 460 short-term observers, including 33 parliamentarians from the OSCE PA, that had been deployed around the country to observe the election.

The IEOM was a joint undertaking of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

GEORGE, Bruce	United Kingdom	PETERS, Krisjanis	Latvia
<i>President Emeritus of the OSCE PA,</i>		LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chair-in-Office</i>		PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania
SOARES, Joao	Portugal	MORGADO, Jorge Tadeu	Portugal
<i>Deputy-Head of Delegation,</i>		GHEORGHE, Valeriu	Romania
GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang	Austria	ILIE, Ilascu	Romania
OLLINGER, Karl	Austria	VLASE, Petru Gabriel	Romania
KONINCKX, Florimond	Belgium	SILISTRU, Doina	Romania
PINXTEN, Karel	Belgium	AMET, Aledin	Romania
KUZOV, Vladimir	Bulgaria	ESERGHEP, Gelil	Romania
BRATSKY, Petr	Czech Republic	GRACHEV, Vladimir	Russian Federation
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic	IVANOV, Sergei	Russian Federation
RUSOVA, Marie	Czech Republic	SENTYURIN, Yuri	Russian Federation
KARAS, Jiri	Czech Republic	LÓPEZ-MEDEL, Jesús	Spain
MARIANI, Thierry	France	POZUELO, Isabel	Spain
DIMARAS, Diannis	Greece	DIREN, Orhan	Turkey
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	GÜNDÜZ, Süleyman	Turkey
KLEMENTJEVS, Andrejs	Latvia	BURNS, Simon	United Kingdom

Accompanied by:

DOSTALOVA, Eva	Czech Republic
CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
PAIXAO, Nuno	Portugal
IONEL, Ivan	Romania
RUSE, Mario	Romania
GUSKOVA, Yulia	Russian Federation

International Secretariat:

LEGENDRE, Paul	Programme Officer
BAKER, Andreas	Programme / Press Officer
PAGOAGA, Aran	Research Assistant





BELARUS

Presidential Election

19 March 2006

Delivering the conclusions of the OSCE's election observation mission to the March 19 Belarus Presidential election, PA President Alcee L. Hastings reported that the election did not meet OSCE commitments. "The Belarusian people deserve better," he stressed.

In a press conference in Minsk on Monday March 20, Hastings highlighted that the four candidates standing for election had presented a genuine choice to voters, however, it was not a level playing field. Actions by state authorities amounted to a "pattern of intimidation," reported the President. Hastings applauded the courageous efforts of opposition candidates to continue campaigning against the incumbent administration in face of arbitrary restrictions, limitations and obstructions placed in their path. The State controlled media granted the incumbent President extensive and favourable coverage, while virtually ignoring the other three candidates, the International Election Observation Mission reported.

Belarus also failed to live up to its international commitments by arbitrarily preventing 19 members of the OSCE PA delegation from participating in the observation effort, Hastings reported.

President Hastings led the OSCE PA delegation of 123 participants (of which 19 were denied entry to Belarus), and led the overall OSCE election observation effort as the Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht. The OSCE observation mission was a joint effort of the OSCE PA and the OSCE/ODIHR, and included over 500 observers on election day.

The President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

HASTINGS, Alcee	USA
<i>President of the OSCE PA, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chair-in-Office</i>	
WATTAUL, Anton	Austria
HEINZL, Anton	Austria
DEDONNEA, Francois-Xavier	Belgium
HENRY, Jean-Pol	Belgium
AGOV, Assem	Bulgaria
PAUNOV, Alexander	Bulgaria
TYURKHEDZHIEV, Angel	Bulgaria
RUSOVA, Marie	Czech Republic
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic
SEDIVA, Hana	Czech Republic
BICIK, Milan	Czech Republic
KOFOD, Jeppe	Denmark
LUND, Jens-Christian	Denmark
MIHKELSON, Marko	Estonia
PARTS, Johan	Estonia
ARJAKAS, Kullo	Estonia
JOGI, Helmer	Estonia
SESTER, Sven	Estonia
LAUR, Jarno	Estonia
KIMBER, Arnold	Estonia
PÜRG, Kaarel	Estonia
TULVISTE, Peeter	Estonia
LINDE, Vaino	Estonia
HERKEL, Andres	Estonia
AARMA, Olev	Estonia





UKRAINE

Parliamentary Elections

26 March 2006

Delivering the preliminary statement of the International Election Observation Mission to the March 26 Ukrainian parliamentary elections, Alcee L. Hastings reported that the elections consolidated the democratic breakthrough that had begun less than one and a half years ago in Ukraine. President Hastings, appointed to lead the observation mission by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht, announced the assessment in a press conference in Kyiv on March 27.

“These elections can only be described as free and fair, and so it is the Ukrainian people who are the real winners,” reported Hastings. He applauded the hard work of election officials in overcoming technical difficulties caused by the simultaneous holding of parliamentary and local elections, which had slowed the voting and counting process. The mission reported that voters were able to make informed choices between distinct alternatives and to freely and fairly express their will. Comprehensive media coverage allowed a competitive and dynamic campaign.

In delivering the preliminary statement, President Hastings was joined by parliamentarians from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament, as well as the On-site Co-ordinator of the OSCE/ODIHR observation mission in Ukraine. President Hastings appointed Joao Soares, Head of the Portuguese delegation to the OSCE PA as his deputy to lead the delegation of 98 OSCE PA parliamentarians and staff in Ukraine.

The President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

HASTINGS, Alcee

President of the OSCE PA,

Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chair-in-Office

SOARES, Joao

Deputy Head of Delegation

NIKOYAN, Samvel

GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang

SCHENNACH, Stefan

IBRAHIMOV, Eldar

BEKE, Wouter

DE DONNEA, Francois-Xavier

VAN DEN EYNDE, Francis

DIMITROV, Apostol

GOROLOMOV, Ivan

KARAKACHANOV, Krasimir

KOUMINEV, Mintcho

DI NINO, Consiglio

GOLDRING, Peter

SMITH, Joy

BRATSKY, Petr

KARAS, Jiri

LISKA, Jiri

OUTRATA, Edvard

PACALTOVA, Jana

PLACHY, Jaroslav

RUSOVA, Marie

USA

SULAK, Petr

CHRISTMAS-MOLLER, Pia

LORENTZEN, Kristian Pihl

LUND, Jens Christian

AARMA, Olev

KALDA, Helle

Czech Republic

Denmark

Denmark

Denmark

Estonia

Estonia

Armenia

Austria

Austria

Azerbaijan

Belgium

Belgium

Belgium

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

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Bulgaria

Canada

Canada

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Czech Republic





KIMBER, Arnold	Estonia	SILISTRU, Doina	Romania
LAUR, Jarno	Estonia	VLASE, Petru Gabriel	Romania
SESTER, Sven	Estonia	GUSKOVA, Yulia	Russian Federation
TULVISTE, Peeter	Estonia	OSTROVSKIY, Alexey	Russian Federation
COVA, Charles	France	RODIONOV, Yuriy	Russian Federation
LEFORT, Jean-Claude	France	SENTYURIN, Yury	Russian Federation
MARIANI, Thierry	France	HOPTA, Ivan	Slovak Republic
VOISIN, Michel	France	NOVOTNY, Viliam	Slovak Republic
BARTH, Uwe	Germany	GUILLOT, Jordi	Spain
GRUND, Manfred	Germany	LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
KRAMER, Rolf	Germany	HASSAN, Maria	Sweden
WELLMANN, Karl-Georg	Germany	LINDESTAM, Asa Margaretha	Sweden
MAKRI, Zoi	Greece	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	KEPENEK, Yakup	Turkey
KESSLER, Giovanni	Italy	SULEYMAN, Gunduz	Turkey
DOMARKAS, Virginijus	Lithuania	HEATH, David	UK
GIRDAUSKAS, Saulius	Lithuania		
LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania	MUSSI, Lukas	Austria
SUBACIUS, Mindaugas	Lithuania	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
SYSAS, Algirdas	Lithuania	MIKLISZANSKI, Kamil	Poland
CUSNIR, Valentina	Moldova	RUSE, Mario	Romania
OLEINIC, Nicolae	Moldova	IVAN, Ionel	Romania
TULEA, Oleg	Moldova	DEYCHAKIWSKY, Orest	USA
SANDE, Erling	Norway	GRIDDINE, Vanessa	USA
BORYSIUK, Boleslaw	Poland	McNAMARA, Ronald	USA
KLEINA, Kazimierz	Poland	WOO, Sean	USA
ZBRZYZNY, Ryszard	Poland		
MORGADO, Jorge	Portugal	<u>International Secretariat:</u>	
BUCIUTA, Stefan	Romania	OLIVER, Spencer	Secretary General
DOBRE, Traian	Romania	EVSEYEV, Vitaly	Deputy Secretary General
GAUCAN, Constantin	Romania	SCHØN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
IGNAT, Miron	Romania	NOTHELLE, Andreas	Special Representative
ILASCU, Ilie	Romania	PALLARES, Gustavo	Advisor
IORGA, Nicolae	Romania	BAKER, Andreas	Programme/Press Officer
MOVILA, Petru	Romania	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
RADAN, Mihai	Romania		



SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Referendum on State-Status

21 May 2006

Delivering the conclusions of the International Referendum Observation Mission for the referendum on the future state-status of Montenegro, Vice-President Nevzat Yalcintas announced, “In a demonstration of direct democracy, the people of Montenegro conducted a genuine and transparent referendum, and should be congratulated for their constructive approach in making this historic decision.” Professor Yalcintas, appointed as the Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office to lead the OSCE short-term observers, was speaking at a press conference on 22 May, in Podgorica.

In addition to leading the overall OSCE mission of 365 observers, Professor Yalcintas, along with Deputy-Head Jerry Grafstein, led the OSCE PA delegation of 55 members.

Vice-President Yalcintas stressed that “This referendum was a unique event in a unique historical situation. Montenegrins undertook this process in a consensual manner, demonstrating to the world how such differences of opinion can be resolved peacefully.”

The observation mission noted the high interest, reflected in voter turnout of over 86% of the population, and the active and competitive campaign. The media provided voters with diverse views, enabling them to make informed choices between the alternatives. Political parties had been offered the opportunity to inspect the voter register and to cross-check it with other data in advance, significantly contributing to the transparency of the voter list. Similarly, equal participation by both sides in the referendum administration at all levels contributed to confidence in the process.

The observation mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE PA, the Council of Europe PA, the European Parliament, and the OSCE/ODIHR.

The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

YALCINTAS, Nevzat

Vice-President of the OSCE PA,

Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO

GRAFSTEIN, Jerry

OSCE PA Treasurer, Deputy Head of Delegation

Turkey GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang

JUKIC, Velimir

SILJGOVIC, Bosko

BELKIC, Beriz

Canada BESLIC, Josip

TAHIROVIC, Dzemail

Austria

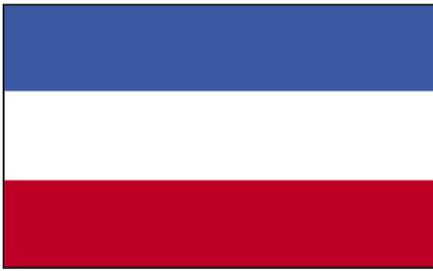
Bosnia and Herzegovina



TYURKEDZHIEV, Angel	Bulgaria	BATTELLI, Roberto	Slovenia
ANTONOVA Kocheva, Nadya	Bulgaria	LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
RUSOVA, Marie	Czech Republic	CAMPUZANO, Carles	Spain
SULAK, Petr	Czech Republic	TUNA, Mustafa	Turkey
LUND, Jens Christian	Denmark	GUNDUZ, Suleyman	Turkey
LINDE, Vaino	Estonia	BUYUKKAYA, Alaattin	Turkey
KOSKI, Markku	Finland	KEPENEK, Yakup	Turkey
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	KARABAYIR, Zeki	Turkey
KARAPAPAS, Nikolaos	Greece		
DOMARKAS, Virginijus	Lithuania	<u>Accompanied by:</u>	
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania	RAJAKOVIC, Jelena	Bosnia and Herzegovina
LEAHU, Angela	Moldova	ZIVKOVIC, Biljana	Finland
COSARCIUC, Valeriu	Moldova	RUSE, Mario	Romania
ADAMCZYK, Franciszek	Poland	IONEL, Ivan	Romania
SOARES, Joao	Portugal	DZAKHAEV, Semyon	Russian Federation
VLASE, Petru Gabriel	Romania	ELIBOL, Yasemin	Turkey
IGNAT, Miron	Romania	HAND, Robert	USA
GVOZDENOVICI, Slavomir	Romania		
GAUCAN, Constantin	Romania	<u>International Secretariat:</u>	
SILISTRU, Doina	Romania	NOTHELLE, Andreas	Special Representative
FARSIROTU, Vladimir Mircea	Romania	PALLARES, Gustavo	Presidential Advisor
SLISKA, Liubov	Russian Federation	BAKER, Andreas	Programme/Press Officer
SHEVELEV, Andrey	Russian Federation	CARRILLET, Marc	Research Assistant
YAKOVLEVA, Olga	Russian Federation	LE, Jeffrey	Research Assistant
SIMANOVSKIY, Leonid	Russian Federation		
IVANCHENKO, Leonid	Russian Federation		
NAGY, Laszlo	Slovakia		



Deputy Head of Delegation Jerry Grafstein observes vote-counting procedures in Podgorica



MONTENEGRO

Parliamentary Elections

10 September 2006

Speaking at a press conference on 11 September in Podgorica, OSCE PA Vice-President João Soares announced that the 10 September 2006 parliamentary elections in Montenegro, were largely in line with OSCE commitments. A number of challenges remain to be addressed, he said, but stressed that “the people of the world’s newest country can be proud that their first elections since gaining independence meet international electoral standards”. Vice-President Soares was appointed by the Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers.

The observation mission noted that the campaign had been calm and orderly, but that the campaign environment had deteriorated in the last days before the elections. Also, the legal framework was found to have provided an adequate basis for the elections, however contrary to good practice the Election Law was amended after the elections were called. Vice-President Soares, who also headed the OSCE PA observation mission of 29 Members and staff, encouraged working together with parliamentary colleagues in Montenegro to overcome the noted challenges.

The IEOM was a joint undertaking of the OSCE PA, Council of Europe PA, and the OSCE/ODIHR. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:



OSCE PA Delegation:

SOARES, Joao	Portugal
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>	
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO</i>	
BATTELLI, Roberto	Slovenia
<i>Deputy Head of Delegation</i>	
WATTAUL, Anton	Austria
NEUWIRTH, Susanne	Austria
DUCARME, Daniel	Belgium
PACALTOVA, Jana	Czech Republic
VOLNY, Jaromir	Czech Republic
RAIDEL, Hans	Germany
ZOIS, Christos	Greece
DIMARAS, Giannis	Greece
BALSAI, István	Greece
DELFINO, Teresio	Italy
FARINA, Gianni	Italy
LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania
SKIRMANTAS, Pabedinskas	Lithuania

MORGADO, Jorge	Portugal
LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
POZUELO MENO, Isabel	Spain
MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
TUNA, Mustafa	Turkey
KARABAYIR, Zeki	Turkey
DIREN, Orhan	Turkey

Staff of Delegation:

RAJAKOVIC, Jelena	Bosnia & Herzegovina
KARAPAPAS, Nikolaos	Greece
PAIXAO, Nuno	Portugal
AIZSTRAUTS, Igris	Latvia

International Secretariat:

NOTHELLE, Andreas	Special Representative
PALLARES, Gustavo	Presidential Advisor
BAKER, Andreas	Programme / Press Officer



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**General Elections****1 October 2006**

Delivering the conclusions of the International Election Observation Mission to the 1 October general elections held in Bosnia and Herzegovina, David Heath (UK) announced that the elections were generally administered in line with international standards and represented further progress in the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law. Appointed Special-Co-ordinator for the short-term observation mission, Heath said that “Real progress toward democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina was made” and he congratulated “the country and its people for conducting a fair electoral process in which representatives could be freely chosen”. These were the first elections since the Dayton Peace Agreement to be fully administered by BiH authorities.

The IEOM noted that, in a transparent process, the Central Election Commission registered almost all candidate lists that had been submitted. A wide range of views was available to voters, especially through televised debates, the allocation of free airtime, and in the print media. The media met their legal obligations with regard to allocation of free airtime to election contestants.

In addition to leading the OSCE short-term observation mission, Heath led the delegation of some 40 parliamentarians from the OSCE PA, which worked in close co-operation with the OSCE/ODIHR and the delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

HEATH, David	United Kingdom	CORINA, Cretu	Romania
<i>Head of Delegation,</i>		GLOTOV, Serguey	Russian Federation
<i>Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO</i>		CHERNYSHENKO, Igor	Russian Federation
SOARES, Joao	Portugal	BATTELLI, Roberto	Slovenia
<i>Deputy Head of Delegation,</i>		POZUELO MENO, Isabel	Spain
<i>Vice-President of the OSCE PA</i>		LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
OUTRATA, Edvard	Czech Republic	KEPENEK, Yakup	Turkey
LISKA, Jiri	Czech Republic	TUNA, Mustafa	Turkey
VOLNY, Jaromir	Czech Republic	BÜYÜKKAYA, Alaattin	Turkey
LUND, Jens Christian	Denmark	YALCINTAS, Nevzat	Turkey
TAMKIVI, Jaanus	Estonia	GÜNDÜZ, Süleyman	Turkey
LINDE, Vaino	Estonia	KANSU, Hüseyin	Turkey
BECK, Marieluise	Germany	<u>Staff of Delegation:</u>	
KRAMER, Rolf	Germany	PACALTOV, Jana	Czech Republic
MAKRI, Zoi	Greece	CHAMPOURIS, Giorgos	Greece
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	AIZSTRAUTS, Igors	Latvia
FARINA, Giovanni	Italy	RUSE, Mario	Romania
VILLECCO, Rosa Maria	Italy	GUSKOVA, Julia	Russian Federation
DOMARKAS, Virginijus	Lithuania	ILERI, Cenk	Turkey
LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania	<u>International Secretariat:</u>	
CAMPOS FERREIRA, Luis	Portugal	OLIVER, Spencer	Secretary General
VLASE, Petru Gabriel	Romania	SCHØN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
GAUCAN, Constantin	Romania	NOTHELLE, Andreas	Special Representative
GHEORGHE, Valeriu	Romania	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
MIRON, Ignat	Romania	BAKER, Andreas	Programme / Press Officer
FARSIROTU, Vladimir Mircea	Romania		
NASSAR, Rodica	Romania		



LATVIA

Parliamentary Elections

7 October 2006

Vice-President Barbara Haering led a limited OSCE PA observation mission to the parliamentary elections held in Latvia on 7 October. On 8 October, Vice-President Haering announced that the elections met most OSCE election-related commitments. However, the observers noted that little action had been taken with respect to previous recommendations regarding important issues affecting the election process, in particular the presence of a significant number of ‘non-citizens’ who do not have voting rights.

“I hope that cultural diversity will be increasingly valued as an asset to which the entire population can contribute,” said Haering. Vice-President Haering headed the limited election observation mission deployed by the OSCE PA, which worked in close co-operation with the OSCE/ODIHR limited election observation mission.

The joint conclusions of the observation missions noted that the electoral process enjoyed broad public confidence in Latvia, and that the political campaign was pluralistic and allowed all parties to communicate their messages to voters. No major problems were evident on election day. However, it was noted that the fact that a significant percentage of the adult population does not enjoy voting rights represents a continuing democratic deficit. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has previously recommended that consideration be given to permitting ‘non-citizens’ to vote in municipal elections.

The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

HAERING, Barbara
Head of Delegation

VOLNY, Jaromir
DELFINO, Teresio
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas
LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesús

Switzerland

Czech Republic
Italy
Lithuania
Spain

International Secretariat:

SCHØN, Tina
BAKER, Andreas

Deputy Secretary General
Programme/Press Officer



Vice-President Haering examined polling in Riga and in rural areas



TAJIKISTAN

Presidential Election

7 November 2006



Delivering the OSCE statement on the November 6 Presidential election in Tajikistan, Kimmo Kiljunen, a Member of the Finnish Delegation to the PA, stated that “The lack of any serious campaign and credible alternatives undermined this election to a degree that it did not provide an adequate test of Tajikistan’s commitments to democratic elections.” Appointed as the Special Co-ordinator for the OSCE election observation mission, Kiljunen noted that a number of other substantial shortcomings also undermined the electoral process.

While there was a field of five candidates, voters did not have the opportunity to choose between genuinely different political forces, and there was almost no political debate among the candidates, the OSCE observation mission noted. Kiljunen also raised concern about the significant obstacle posed by the requirement for candidates to collect supporting signatures from five percent of the entire electorate. He also noted positive aspects, including a voter education campaign to discourage family and proxy voting and efforts by the electoral authorities to enable voting by citizens of Tajikistan outside of the country.

In addition to leading the overall OSCE short term observation mission, Kiljunen headed the mission of 22 participants from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, supported by Vice-President João Soares from Portugal.

The OSCE observation mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation:

KILJUNEN, Kimmo

*Head of Delegation,**Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO*

SOARES, Joao

Deputy Head of Delegation

PLACHY, Jaroslav

OUTRATA, Edvard

MESSERSCHMIDT, Morten

LINDE, Vaino

ALLIK, Jaak

TULVISTE, Peeter

LAUR, Jarno

VOISIN, Michel

PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas

MORGADO, Jorge

SHEVELEV, Andrey

EMELIYANOV, Mikhail

VORONIN, Pavel

BURNS, Simon

Finland

Portugal

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Estonia

Estonia

Estonia

France

Lithuania

Portugal

Russian Federation

Russian Federation

Russian Federation

UK

International Secretariat:

BAKER, Andreas

CHERNOVA, Anna

Programme/Press Officer

Programme Officer

Staff of Delegation:

TAILLET, Frederic

PARKER, Kyle Andrew

THAMES, Knox

GUSKOVA, Yulia

France

USA

USA

Russian Federation





SERBIA

Parliamentary Elections

21 January 2007

On behalf of the OSCE, PA President Göran Lennmarker announced that the 21 January parliamentary elections in Serbia were free and fair, and met OSCE commitments. “The elections in Serbia were free and fair. I was personally impressed and proud on behalf of the Serb people for the professional, orderly and well-organized way they carried out this election. It bodes well for Serbia’s future,” said Mr. Lennmarker. Having led the OSCE observation mission to the elections, President Lennmarker was speaking at a press conference on 22 January 2007 in Belgrade. Mr. Lennmarker was appointed by OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos, to lead the short-term observers and to deliver the OSCE statement.

The International Election Observation Mission concluded that the elections provided a genuine opportunity for the citizens of Serbia to freely choose from a range of political platforms. Political parties and coalitions competed vigorously in an open campaign environment. The election campaign was calm, and checks and balances ensured that the elections reflected the will of the people, in line with OSCE commitments.

President Lennmarker applauded the professionalism with which polling board officials undertook their work, noting that this contributed to a high level of confidence among voters.

The International Election Observation Mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE, comprising the Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE/ODIHR, as well as the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliamentary of the Council of Europe. Lennmarker also led the OSCE PA delegation of 52 Members of Parliament and 14 staff. President Lennmarker appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation

LENNMARKER, Göran	Sweden	JUKIC, Velimir	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<i>President of the OSCE PA</i>		SILJEGOVIĆ, Bosko	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<i>Head of Delegation, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO</i>		MALINOV, Svetoslav	Bulgaria
GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang	Austria	CHRISTOPHERSON, David	Canada
MORIAU, Patrick	Belgium	DEMERS, Nicole	Canada
VANDENBERGHE, Lionel	Belgium	DI NINO, Consiglio	Canada
BELKIC, Beriz	Bosnia and Herzegovina	TEMELKOVSKI, Lui	Canada
		EXNER, Vaclav	Czech Republic



VOLNY, Jaromir	Czech Republic	RODIONOV, Yuriy	Russian Federation
LUND, Jens Christian	Denmark	SENTYURIN, Yury	Russian Federation
GRUND, Manfred	Germany	TETERIN, Vasily	Russian Federation
MEIERHOFER, Horst Georg	Germany	BATTELLI, Roberto	Slovenia
WIMMER, Johann Wilhelm Karl	Germany	LOPEZ MEDEL, Jesús	Spain
MAKRI, Zoi	Greece	POZUELO, Isabel	Spain
VOULTEPSI, Sofia	Greece	HABSBURG DOUGLAS, Walburga	Sweden
BALSAI, Istvan	Hungary	LINDESTAM, Åsa	Sweden
DELFINO, Teresio	Italy	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
FARINA, Giovanni	Italy	ROWEN, Paul	United Kingdom
MIGLIORI, Riccardo	Italy		
KRASTINS, Maris	Latvia	<u>Accompanied by</u>	
LAICANS, Gunars	Latvia	RAJAKOVIC, Jelena	Bosnia and Herzegovina
LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania	ROBERT, Denis	Canada
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania	KARAPAPAS, Nick	Greece
HANSEN, Sigvald Oppeboen	Norway	AIZSTRAUTS, Igors	Latvia
ALMEIDA HENRIQUES, Antonio	Portugal	IONEL, Ivan	Romania
SOARES, João	Portugal	RUSE, Mario	Romania
DINESCU, Valentin	Romania	GUSKOVA, Yulia	Russian Federation
GAUCAN, Constantin	Romania	HAND, Robert	USA
GHEORGHE, Valeriu	Romania		
GVOZDENOVICI, Slavomir	Romania	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
IGNAT, Miron	Romania	OLIVER, Spencer	Secretary General
PASCU, Bogdan	Romania	SCHOEN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
SILISTRU, Doina	Romania	NOTHELLE, Andreas	OSCE PA Special Representative
STIUCA, Alecsandru	Romania	BERGMAN, Klas	Director of Communications
BABURIN, Sergey	Russian Federation	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
BEZBORODOV, Nikolay	Russian Federation	BAKER, Andreas	Programme Officer
EMELIYANOV, Mikhail	Russian Federation		





ARMENIA

Parliamentary Elections

12 May 2007

In a press conference in Yerevan on 13 May 2007, PA Vice-President Tone Tingsgård announced on behalf of the OSCE that the 12 May parliamentary elections in Armenia were conducted largely in accordance with OSCE commitments, although some issues remain to be addressed. “These elections were a clear improvement and that is good for Armenian democracy“, said Tingsgård, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term election observers deployed for the elections.

“Now, more work is needed to further consolidate this young democracy. That will require joint effort and will by all political forces. I hope we will see that happen in the years ahead“, said Mrs. Tingsgård.

The observation mission noted that the election authorities generally worked efficiently in the pre-election period, and were technically well equipped and prepared for election day. Election authorities had also made efforts to enhance transparency of election procedures. There was visible and dynamic campaigning by many contestants, which took place in a permissive environment. Media coverage of the election was extensive, and efforts were made to enable most parties and candidates to convey their messages to the public.

However, some minor issues of concern were noted, including the intertwining at all levels of political and business interests, especially in view of relatively weak provisions and enforcement regarding transparency and disclosure of campaign finances.

The observation mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE, comprising the OSCE PA and the OSCE/ODIHR, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the European Parliament. In addition to leading the 300 short-term observers deployed on election day, Mrs. Tingsgård led the delegation of 49 OSCE parliamentarians. OSCE PA President Lennmarker appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation

TINGSGAARD, Tone

Sweden

Vice-President of the OSCE PA

Head of Delegation, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO

ÖLLINGER, Karl

DEMERS, Nicole

GOLDSTEIN, Yoine

BRATSKY, Petr

Austria

Canada

Canada

Czech Republic



Vice-President Tingsgaard announces the observation mission's findings, along with Leo Platvoet (PACE), and Anne-Marie Isler Beguin (European Parliament)

DIMITROV, Kosta	Czech Republic	KARMEEV, Anbyar	Russian Federation
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic	KULAKOV, Vladimir	Russian Federation
STETINA, Jaromir	Czech Republic	OGANIAN, Oganés	Russian Federation
VOLNY, Jaromir	Czech Republic	SLISKA, Liubov	Russian Federation
LUND, Jens Christian	Denmark	VASILIEV, Vladimir	Russian Federation
LINDE, Vaino	Estonia	LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesús	Spain
NUTT, Mart	Estonia	POZUELO, Isabel	Spain
COVA, Charles	France	ENOCHSON, Annelie	Sweden
RAIDEL, Hans	Germany	FEDERLEY, Fredrick	Sweden
DIMARAS, Ioannis	Greece	KONIG JERLMYR, Anna	Sweden
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	HAERING, Barbara	Switzerland
NAGY, Andor	Hungary	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
FARINA, Giovanni	Italy	BOWNESS, Peter	United Kingdom
KRASTINS, Maris	Latvia	HILTON, Jennifer	United Kingdom
LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania		
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania	<u>Accompanied by</u>	
HANSEN, Sigvald Oppeboen	Norway	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
GARBOWSKI, Tomasz	Poland	GUTMANIS, Guntis	Latvia
GAWLOWSKI, Stanislaw	Poland	PESCARU, Adriana	Romania
KLEINA, Kazimierz	Poland	PISKAREV, Dmitry	Russian Federation
OZGA, Krystyna	Poland	RESHETNIKOV, Gleb	Russian Federation
PONCYLJUSZ, Pawel	Poland	YAKOVLEVA, Olga	Russian Federation
MORGADO, Jorge	Portugal		
SOARES, Joao	Portugal	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
DOBRE, Traian	Romania	SCHOEN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
GAUCAN, Constantin	Romania	NOTHELLE, Andreas	Special Representative
SILISTRU, Doina	Romania	BERGMAN, Klas	Director of Communications
STIUCA, Alecsandru	Romania	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
BADALOV, Ruben	Russian Federation	BAKER, Andreas	Programme Officer
GLOTOV, Sergey	Russian Federation		





KAZAKHSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

18 August 2007

Presenting the conclusions on behalf of the OSCE election observation mission, Canadian Senator Consiglio Di Nino announced that the 18 August elections “continue to move Kazakhstan forward in its evolution towards a democratic country”. Speaking in Astana on 19 August, Di Nino noted that there had been problems, but stressed that progress had been made.

In the pre-election period, candidates enjoyed increased ability to convey their messages to voters. Registration of candidate lists was conducted in an inclusive manner. In general, the Central Election Commission worked transparently and adopted numerous decisions to regulate the election process and conducted extensive voter education activities. Observers enjoyed good co-operation with the authorities. However, the observers reported that certain legal provisions stand in the way of developing a pluralistic political party system.

Appointed as Special Co-ordinator by the Spanish Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Di Nino also led the delegation of 57 parliamentarians and staff.

The observation mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE, comprising the OSCE PA and the OSCE/ODIHR, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation

Di NINO, Consiglio

Vice-Chair of the OSCE PA First General Committee

Head of Delegation, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO

GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang

OELLINGER, Karl

TINDEMANS, Elke

Canada

Austria

Austria

Belgium

MEHMEDOVIC, Semsudin

BERON, Petar

KALKANOVA, Tatiana

DOWNE, Percy

VOLNY, Jaromir

EFENDIJEV, Eldar

MARRANDI, Jaanus

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Canada

Czech Republic

Estonia

Estonia



Senator Di Nino is seen here with election officials in Almaty

NUTT, Mart	Estonia	ZLOTOWSKI, Kosma	Poland
PIKHOF, Heljo	Estonia	AMET, Aledin	Romania
RUMMO, Paul-Eerik	Estonia	ANDEA, Petru	Romania
SEPP, Evelyn	Estonia	ILASCU, Ilie	Romania
TOOTSEN, Toivo	Estonia	MAZARE, Alexandru	Romania
KARHU, Saara	Finland	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
MARIANI, Thierry	France	GILROY, Linda	UK
VOISIN, Michel	France		
IMNADZE, George	Georgia	<u>Accompanied by</u>	
KAVTARADZE, Irakli	Georgia	PARE, Jean Rodrigue	Canada
GRUND, Manfred	Germany	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
LINK, Michael Georg	Germany	FILLIPPONE THAULERO, Stefano	Italy
RAIDEL, Johann	Germany	IVAN, Ionel	Romania
ZOIS, Christos	Greece	HAN, Shelly	USA
BLÖNDAL, Petur H.	Iceland	PARKER, Kyle	USA
ALLEGRINI, Laura	Italy		
DATO, Cinzia	Italy	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
MALAN, Lucio	Italy	NOTHELLE, Andreas	Special Representative
KRASTINS, Maris	Latvia	BERGMAN, Klas	Director of Communications
HOEGLUND, Morten	Norway	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
GARBOWSKI, Tomasz	Poland	CARILLET, Marc	Liaison Officer
GAWLOWSKI, Stanislaw	Poland	LERRAS, Kurt	General Services Officer
KLEINA, Kazimierz	Poland	AGER, Patrick	Research Assistant
KOSIERADZKA, Anetta	Poland	KAZANKOVA, Tatiana	Research Assistant
OZGA, Krystyna	Poland	REES, Danny	Research Assistant





UKRAINE

Parliamentary Elections

30 September 2007

Delivering the OSCE statement on the September 30 parliamentary elections in Ukraine, OSCE PA Vice-President Tone Tingsgard announced: “Despite difficult circumstances, these elections were conducted in a positive and professional manner. The high turnout on election day was the Ukrainian people’s contribution to overcoming the political crisis. It is now the turn of the political forces to deliver.”

Ms. Tingsgard, appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos, to deliver the OSCE statement was speaking at a press conference in Kyiv, 1 October.

The parliamentary elections in Ukraine were conducted mostly in line with international commitments and standards for democratic elections and confirm an open and competitive environment for the conduct of election processes, concluded the mission. Voters had a diverse choice of candidates and parties and the fundamental freedoms of assembly and expression were respected. However, recent amendments to the law adopted as a part of a compromise to end the political crisis, impacted negatively on the election process.

The International Election Observation Mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE, comprising the OSCE PA and the OSCE/ODIHR, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

In addition to Kyiv and the surrounding regions, OSCE PA participants observed in Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Poltava, Odessa, Crimea, Ivano-Frankivsk and Lviv regions.

The President of the OSCE PA appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation

TINGSGAARD, Tone

Vice-President of the OSCE PA

Head of Delegation, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO

DI NINO, Consiglio

Deputy Head of Delegation

Sweden

Canada

KURZMANN, Gerhard

SCHIMBOCK, Wolfgang

IBRAHIMOV, Eldar

SOLOMUKHA, Petr

DE STEXHE, Alain

VAN DEN EYNDE, Francis

Austria

Austria

Azerbaijan

Belarus

Belgium

Belgium



Tone Tingsgard speaks to the press in Kyiv

GOROLOMOV, Ivan		Bulgaria	BUCIUTA, Stefan	Romania
MALINOV, Svetoslav		Bulgaria	GODJA, Petru	Romania
GOLDRING, Peter		Canada	IGNAT, Miron	Romania
MALO, Luc		Canada	MOVILA, Petru	Romania
NASH, Peggy		Canada	DAVLETOVA, Kamilya	Russian Federation
WRZESNEWSKYJ, Borys		Canada	GUZANOV, Alexey	Russian Federation
KAFKA, David	Czech	Republic	NEFEDOV, Victor	Russian Federation
PLEVA, Petr	Czech	Republic	OSKINA, Vera	Russian Federation
SEDIVA, Hana	Czech	Republic	PIROZNIKOVA, Liudmila	Russian Federation
STETINA, Jaromir	Czech	Republic	SHIBALKIN, Alexander	Russian Federation
WOLF, Petr	Czech	Republic	VORONIN, Pavel	Russian Federation
LUND, Jens		Denmark	NORDEN, Marie	Sweden
LAHTVEE, Valdur		Estonia	WIGSTROM, Cecilia	Sweden
MEIKAR, Silver		Estonia	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
ROIVAS, Taavi		Estonia	HILTON, Jennifer	United Kingdom
MARIANI, Thierry		France		
VOISIN, Michel		France	Accompanied by	
BALAVADZE, Vakhtang		Georgia	DAVLETOVA, Fauziya	Russian Federation
DAVITASHVILI, Zurab		Georgia	KUZMINA, Irina	Russian Federation
GEGELASHVILI, George		Georgia	DEYCHAKIWSKY, Orest	United States
KHIDESHELI, Tamaz		Georgia	MCNAMARA, Ronald	United States
METREVELI, Petre		Georgia		
WAITZ, Christoph Werner Johannes		Germany	International Secretariat	
KLAUZS, Janis		Latvia	SCHOEN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
KRASTINS, Maris		Latvia	BAKER, Andreas	Programme/Press Officer
LYDEKA, Arminas		Lithuania	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
SEREIKA, Albertas		Lithuania	REES, Daniel	Research Assistant



An election official in Kyiv seals ballot boxes prior to the opening of the polling station



RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Parliamentary Elections

2 December 2007



The Russian elections to the Duma on 2 December were “not fair” and failed to meet many OSCE and Council of Europe commitments and standards, concluded the OSCE PA and PACE election observer delegations in a joint statement on 3 December at a press conference in Moscow. The Nordic Council joined in the statement.

The OSCE PA observation mission was led by President Göran Lennmarker, and worked closely with the delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, headed by Luc van den Brande. The observers were deployed to eight regions across Russia, from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok.

According to the statement, the following major areas raised concern:

- The merging of the state and a political party is an abuse of power and a clear violation of international commitments and standards.
- The media showed strong bias in favour of the sitting President and the ruling United Russia Party.
- The newly amended election code made it extremely difficult for new and smaller parties to develop and compete effectively.
- There were widespread reports of harassment of opposition parties.

The Copenhagen Commitments (5.4), agreed by all OSCE participating States, specifically state that there should be “a clear separation between the State and political parties; in particular, political parties will not be merged with the State”.

Although election day was well-organized and mostly calm and friendly, the voters went to the polls in an atmosphere that “seriously limited political competition and frequent abuse of administrative resources, media coverage strongly in favour of the ruling party, and an election code whose cumulative effect hindered political pluralism,” the statement said. It added that the political playing field was not “level.”

The OSCE PA mission received excellent co-operation from the electoral authorities, and no restrictions were placed on Members’ movements throughout the country. Parliamentarians also received extensive briefings from electoral authorities, political parties, and opposition leaders both in Moscow and in the various regions of observation.

The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation

LENNMARKER, Göran	Sweden	ALMEIDA HENRIQUES, Antonio	Portugal
<i>President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly</i>		SOARES, Joao	Portugal
<i>Head of Delegation</i>		BATTELLI, Roberto	Slovenia
ASHOTYAN, Armen	Armenia	LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang	Austria	POZUELO, Isabel	Spain
De DONNEA, François-Xavier	Belgium	HABSBURG-DOUGLAS, Walburga	Sweden
LIZIN, Anne-Marie	Belgium	TINGSGÅRD, Tone	Sweden
LJUBICIC, Drago	Bosnia and Herzegovina	BÜYÜKKAYA, Alaattin	Turkey
MEHMEDOVIC, Semsudin	Bosnia and Herzegovina	<u>Accompanied by</u>	
ZRNO, Branko	Bosnia and Herzegovina	RAJAKOVIC, Jelena	Bosnia and Herzegovina
VOLNY, Jaromir	Czech Republic	CHAMPOURIS, Georgios	Greece
RUMMO, Paul-Eerik	Estonia	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
TULVISTE, Peeter	Estonia	OLIVER, Spencer	Secretary General
KILJUNEN, Kimmo	Finland	EVSEYEV, Vitaly	Deputy Secretary General
KLEIMINGER, Christian	Germany	SCHOEN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
RAIDEL, Hans	Germany	PALLARES, Gustavo	Presidential Advisor
EFTHYMIU, Petros	Greece	BERGMAN, Klas	Director of Communications
SKANDALAKIS, Panagiotis	Greece	BAKER, Andreas	Press Officer
SVERRISDOTTIR, Valgerdur	Iceland	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
FARINA, Giovanni	Italy	LELARGE, Odile	Conference Co-ordinator
PALUMBO, Giuseppe	Italy	LERRAS, Kurt	General Services Officer
VAN BOMMEL, Henricus	Netherlands	SHABANOVA, Maria	Research Assistant
GARBOWSKI, Tomasz	Poland		
PONCYLJUSZ, Pawel	Poland		



PA Vice-President Wolfgang Grossruck at a polling station in Vladivostok



KYRGYZSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

16 December 2007

Announcing the conclusions of the OSCE election observation mission to the parliamentary elections held in Kyrgyzstan on 16 December, Vice-President Kimmo Kiljunen expressed his personal disappointment at the “backsliding” noted in the elections process. Speaking at a press conference in Bishkek on 17 December, Mr. Kiljunen said that the elections failed to meet a number of OSCE commitments.

Noting that he had led the past two OSCE election observation missions to Kyrgyzstan, he stressed that “political pluralism which I have seen develop is undermined by this missed opportunity.” Mr. Kiljunen was appointed as the Special Co-ordinator for the OSCE short-term election observation mission of some 250 observers, and also led the 24 parliamentarians and 6 staff from the OSCE PA delegation.

In particular, the OSCE observation mission expressed concern at imbalance in media coverage of the election campaign. Also, a complicated new system for translating votes into parliamentary seats, which includes both national and regional thresholds, created the real possibility of a situation in which no parties would be represented in parliament. The mission particularly expressed concern that no final decision had been made by the courts prior to election day regarding the precise interpretation of this provision.

The mission positively noted the extensive presence of domestic observers in polling stations on election day, which helped to enhance the transparency of the process. However, OSCE observers reported some election day violations including a lack of uniform application of procedures and ballot-box stuffing.

The OSCE observation mission comprised delegations of the OSCE PA and the OSCE/ODIHR.

The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation

KILJUNEN, Kimmo

Vice-President of the OSCE PA

Head of Delegation, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO

OELLINGER, Karl

VAN DEN EYNDE, Seraphin F.

VAN OVERMEIRE, Karim

BRATSKÝ, Petr

EXNER, Vaclav

PLACHÝ, Jaroslav

VOLNÝ, Jaromir

GRUND, Manfred

KRAMER, Rolf

PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas

SEREIKA, Albertas

CAMPOS FERREIRA, Luís

SOARES, João

AMET, Aledin

ILASCU, Ilie

MOVILA, Petru

SILISTRU, Doina

LÓPEZ-MEDEL, Jesús

MIESCH, Christian

DIREN, Orhan Zya

ÖNEN, Abdulkadir Emin

BURNS, Simon Hugh

Finland

Austria

Belgium

Belgium

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Germany

Germany

Lithuania

Lithuania

Portugal

Portugal

Romania

Romania

Romania

Romania

Spain

Switzerland

Turkey

Turkey

United Kingdom

Accompanied by

IVAN, Ionel

NERNY, Céline

HAN, Shelly

Romania

Switzerland

United States

International Secretariat

NOTHELLE, Andreas

BAKER, Andreas

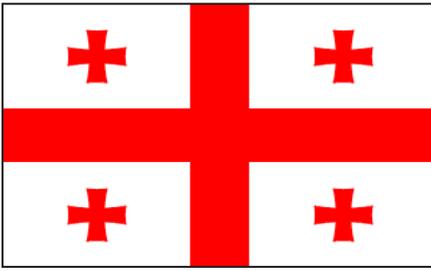
CHERNOVA, Anna

Special Representative

Press Officer

Programme Officer





GEORGIA

Presidential Election

5 January 2008

Delivering the conclusions of the OSCE election observation mission to the Georgian presidential election, President Emeritus Alcee L. Hastings announced that “the January 5th election was in essence consistent with most OSCE and Council of Europe commitments and standards for democratic elections,” but noted that significant challenges needed to be addressed urgently. Speaking at a press conference in Tbilisi on 6 January, Hastings specified that “because of the demonstrative competitiveness of this campaign, I perceive this election as a viable expression of free choice of the Georgian people, but the future holds immense challenges.”

While recognizing that this was the first competitive presidential election in the country, the observers noted that the distinction between state activities and the former President’s campaign was sometimes blurred, and contributed to an inequitable campaign environment. Despite the short timeframe, the electoral administration prepared the election in an overall professional manner, operating transparently and carrying out an extensive voter education campaign.

Congressman Hastings led the delegation of 52 parliamentarians from the OSCE PA. The OSCE mission, comprising the OSCE PA and the OSCE/ODIHR, worked in co-operation with delegations deployed by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament.

OSCE PA President Lenmarker appointed the following delegation:

OSCE PA Delegation

HASTINGS, Alcee L.	United States	LYDEKA, Arminas	Lithuania
<i>Head of Delegation, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO</i>		PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania
GRAF, Martin	Austria	SKURKIEWICZ, Wojciech	Poland
GROSSRUCK, Wolfgang	Austria	SUSKI, Marek	Poland
HEINZL, Anton	Austria	ALMEIDA HENRIQUES, Antonio	Portugal
SCHENNACH, Stefan	Austria	SOARES, Joao	Portugal
TILMANS-CONARD, Dominique	Belgium	ILASCU, Ilie	Romania
TOMMELEIN, Bart	Belgium	LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesus	Spain
VAN DEN EYNDE, F. Seraphin	Belgium	POZUELO, Isabel	Spain
VALKANOVA, Mariya Stancheva	Bulgaria	ERIKSSON, Peter	Sweden
VELICHKOV, Jordan Petrov	Bulgaria	FRID, Egon	Sweden
CHRISTOPHERSON, David	Canada	HAMMARBERGH, Krister	Sweden
GOLDRING, Peter	Canada	OHLSSON, Birgitta	Sweden
DIMITROV, Kosta	Czech Republic	POLFJARD, Jessica	Sweden
EXNER, Vaclav	Czech Republic	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic	KALSIN, Canan	Turkey
LORENTZEN, Karina	Denmark	BILORUS, Oleh	Ukraine
VON SEELEN, Lise	Denmark	DOGGETT, Lloyd	United States
LAHTVEE, Valdur	Estonia		
MARRANDI, Jaanus	Estonia	<u>Accompanied by</u>	
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RUMMO, Paul-Eerik	Estonia	USIELLO, Antonella	Italy
TOOTSEN, Toivo	Estonia	IVAN, Ionel	Romania
TULVISTE, Peeter	Estonia	BAKO, Stacee	United States
KOSKINEN, Johannes	Finland	MAMAUX, Lale	United States
MARIANI, Thierry	France	MCNAMARA, Ronald	United States
GRUND, Manfred	Germany	MUCCHETTI, Michael	United States
STEENBLOCK, Rainer	Germany	STERN, Keith	United States
ALLEGRINI, Laura	Italy	TURNER, Fred	United States
MIGLIORI, Riccardo	Italy		
EGLITIS, Janis	Latvia	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
LAICANS, Gunars	Latvia	SCHOEN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General
ORLOVS, Vitalijs	Latvia	PALLARES, Gustavo	Deputy Secretary General
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ARMENIA

Presidential Election

19 February 2008



In a press conference in Yerevan on 20 February, VP Anne-Marie Lizin announced that the 19 February presidential election in Armenia mostly met OSCE commitments. “In an active and competitive election, Armenians turned out in strength to choose between genuine political alternatives. The problems we observed, particularly during the counting, must be addressed to increase overall confidence in the electoral process.” Ms. Lizin was appointed as the Special Co-ordinator for the OSCE short-term observers and led the OSCE PA delegation of 39 MPs.

The OSCE observers found that the Armenian authorities made genuine efforts to address shortcomings noted in previous elections. But they stressed the need for further improvements and political will to tackle concerns such as the lack of public confidence in the electoral process and the absence of a clear separation between State and party functions. The conduct of the count did not contribute to reduce suspicions among stakeholders.

The CEC ensured a high level of transparency, except in the consideration of complaints that were for the most part dealt with in informal sessions. The field of nine candidates offered voters a genuine choice. Many candidates campaigned actively and were able to discuss their programmes with voters. The authorities made efforts to provide a permissive campaign environment.

The observation mission was a joint undertaking with the OSCE/ODIHR, the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament. The OSCE PA President appointed the following delegation:

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LIZIN, Anne-Marie

*Vice-President of the OSCE PA**Head of Delegation, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE CiO*

GRADAURER, Alois

HAGENHOFER, Marianne

LIJNEN, Nele

SCHILTZ, Willem Frederik

LORENTZEN, Karina

LUND, Jens Christian

NUTT, Mart

RUMMO, Paul-Eerik

TOOTSEN, Toivo

FAUCHON, Pierre

MARIANI, Thierry

VOISIN, Michel

MOVSESIAN, Hamlet

STEENBLOCK, Rainder

CHARAKOPOULOS, Maximos

PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas

SEREIKA, Albertas

SANDE, Erling

CEBULA, Marek

GARBOWSKI, Tomasz

GLOWSKI, Piotr

GRAD, Mariusz

KLEINA, Kazimierz

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Belgium SKORUPA, Aleksander

Belgium IGNAT, Miron

Austria UIOREANU, Horea Dorin

Austria ISHCENKO, Alexander

Belgium KULAKOV, Vladimir

Belgium KVITKA, Ivan

Denmark LEONTIEV, Georgy

Denmark MOSKALKOVA, Tatiana

Estonia OGANIAN, Ogan

Estonia SARYCHEV, Alexander

Estonia ZHELEZNYAK, Sergey

France LOPEZ-MEDEL, Jesús

France POZUELO, Isabel

France WIDMER, Hans

Georgia

Germany Accompanied by CHAMPOURIS, Giorgos

Greece GUSKOVA, Yulia

Lithuania KUZMINA, Irina

Lithuania PISKAREV, Dmitry

Norway

Poland International Secretariat

Poland SCHOEN, Tina

Poland BAKER, Andreas

Poland JEZKOVA, Petra

Poland

Poland

Poland

Romania

Romania

Russian Federation

Spain

Spain

Switzerland

Greece

Russian Federation

Russian Federation

Russian Federation

Deputy Secretary General
Programme / Press Officer

Logistics Officer



SERBIA

Parliamentary Elections

11 May 2008

Roberto Battelli, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short term observers and head of the OSCE PA delegation, announced that the 11 May Serbian elections “were a display of a mature democracy in action.” Although there were some minor technical faults and some aspects of the campaign that were worrisome, “the elections were carried out in a most impressive fashion with substantial voter turnout and efficiency and calmness of the voting. I would like to congratulate Serbia for this.”

In its joint post-election preliminary statement, the International Election Observation Mission, comprising the OSCE PA, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and the OSCE/ODIHR’s Limited Election Observation Mission, said that the elections were “vigorously contested” and “conducted in an overall professional manner, allowing the country’s voters to choose freely among a wide range of political options.”

In response to a question at the 12 May joint press conference in Belgrade whether the elections could be considered “free and fair,” Mr. Battelli responded, “yes, in my view they were free and fair.”

Close to 90 international observers monitored the election, including 30 short-term observers from PACE, 24 from the OSCE PA, and 35 long-term observers from OSCE/ODIHR. The OSCE PA delegation included:



OSCE PA Delegation

BATTELLI, Roberto
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 MORIAU, Patrick
 VAN DEN EYNDE, Seraphin F.
 ZRNO, Branko
 BRATSKY, Petr
 LORENTZEN, Karina
 NUTT, Mart
 KNOCHE, Monika
 EFTHYMIOU, Petros
 DOSMANBETOV, Bakbergen
 JANIS, Eglitis
 PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas
 NITRAS, Slawomir

Slovenia

Belgium
 Belgium

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Germany

Greece

Kazakhstan

Latvia

Lithuania

Poland

SOARES, Joao
 KULAKOV, Vladimir
 POZUELO, Isabel
 MIESCH, Christian
 BÜYÜKKAYA, Alaatin

Accompanied by

RAJAKOVIC, Jelena
 PISKAREV, Dmitry
 KUZMINA, Irina
 PISKAREV, Dmitry

International Secretariat

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 JEZKOVA, Petra
 NOTHELLE, Andreas

Portugal
 Russian Federation
 Spain
 Switzerland
 Turkey

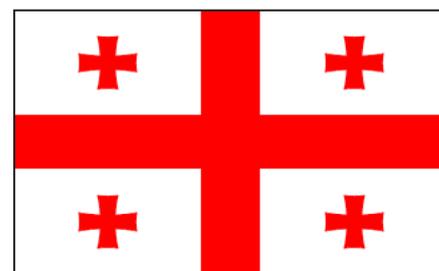
Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Russian Federation
 Russian Federation
 Russian Federation

Director of Communications
 Logistics Officer
 Special Representative

GEORGIA

Parliamentary Elections

21 May 2008



Delivering the OSCE preliminary statement for the 21 May parliamentary elections in Georgia, OSCE PA Vice-President Joao Soares declared that “These elections were not perfect, but since I was here in January for the presidential election, concrete and substantial progress has been made.” Mr. Soares, who served as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers and headed the OSCE PA delegation, expressed his hope that “all political forces in this country will come together.”

The observation mission – composed of the OSCE PA, PACE, the European Parliament, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and OSCE/ODIHR – noted that voters were offered a wide array of choices to select their representatives and that parties were able to campaign actively. However, inconsistencies in the legal framework negatively affected its implementation, and unilateral changes to the electoral system shortly before the elections were seen by the opposition as favoring the ruling party.

Sixty-five parliamentarians participated in the observation mission, and were supported by four staff members from the PA’s Secretariat. The full list of participants follows:

OSCE PA Delegation

SOARES, Joao	Portugal	NITRAS, Slawomir	Poland
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OLLINGER, Karl	Austria	PANTURU, Tudor	Romania
LIZIN, Anne-Marie	Belgium	TANASE, Razvan	Romania
LOFFHE, Peter	Belgium	VASILESCU, Gavrilă	Romania
ANGUELIEVA-KOLEVA, Maria	Bulgaria	CHERNYAVSKIY, Valentin	Russian Federation
GROZDILOVA, Snezana	Bulgaria	LEKAREVA, Vera	Russian Federation
MRATSKOV, Petar	Bulgaria	NEFEDOV, Viktor	Russian Federation
SHOPOV, Pavel	Bulgaria	RASHKIN, Valery	Russian Federation
DI NINO, Consiglio	Canada	CEDERFELDT, Margareta	Sweden
GOLDRING, Peter	Canada	HABSBURG-DOUGLAS, Walburga	Sweden
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic	JEPPSSON, Peter	Sweden
SEHOR, Karel	Czech Republic	THULIN, Mildred	Sweden
VOLNY, Jaromir	Czech Republic	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
MARRANDI, Jaanus	Estonia	WIDMER, Johann	Switzerland
NUTT, Mart	Estonia	KALSIN, Canan	Turkey
MEINHARDT, Patrick	Germany	OYAN, Oguz	Turkey
CHARAKOPOULOS, Maximos	Greece	TANRIKULU, Ahmet Kenan	Turkey
DIMARRAS, Ioannis	Greece		
EFTHYMIU, Petros	Greece	<u>Accompanied by</u>	
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MUKHAMEJANOV, Tolegen	Kazakhstan	KOSIERADZKA, Anetta	Poland
BAIBARUAEVA, Aigul	Kyrgyzstan	PAIXAO, Nuno	Portugal
OTUNBAYEVA, Roza	Kyrgyzstan	PANKOV, Dmitry	Russian Federation
EGLITIS, Janis	Latvia	PREMIYAK, Petr	Russian Federation
LAICANS, Gunars	Latvia	STAVITSKIY, Valery	Russian Federation
ORLOVS, Vitalijs	Latvia	DEYCHAKIWSKY, Orest	United States
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania	MCNAMARA, Ronald	United States
SUKYS, Raimondas	Lithuania	SHERRY, John	United States
HANSEN, Sigvald Oppebøen	Norway		
SAND, Erling	Norway	<u>International Secretariat</u>	
FABISIAK, Joanna	Poland	BERGMAN, Klas	Director of Communications
GARBOWSKI, Tomasz	Poland	CHERNOVA, ANNA	Programme Officer
GLOWSKI, Piotr	Poland	JEZKOVA, Petra	Logistics Officer
KOWAL, Pawel	Poland	SCHOEN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General



FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Parliamentary Elections

1 June 2008



In Skopje on 2 June, OSCE PA Vice-President Pia Christmas-Møller reported on behalf of the OSCE that the 1 June parliamentary elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia were well administered procedurally, but that key OSCE commitments were not met. Although voters were offered a variety of choices during a vigorously fought election campaign, the law was only enforced selectively and the authorities failed to prevent violence and intimidation in ethnic

Albanian areas. Ms. Christmas-Møller, who served as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers, regretted that organized attempts to violently disrupt the electoral process in parts of the ethnic Albanian areas made it impossible for voters in many places to freely express their will.

“Violence and attempts to manipulate the campaign sadly cast a shadow over otherwise well-run elections that gave most voters a real choice between an array of political forces. The violence we noted in ethnic Albanian areas is an unacceptable breach of peace and peoples’ democratic rights,” she said.

On election day, one person was killed and several injured. Voting and counting was marred by numerous serious irregularities, in particular in parts of the ethnic Albanian areas, including cases of intimidation, unrest, ballot box stuffing, and tampering with results. Furthermore, the State Election Commission annulled results in 22 polling stations in the north and west of the country. In the rest of the country there were far fewer irregularities, but the largest opposition party suffered from confusion resulting from an apparently deliberate attempt to manipulate voters by the activities of a party with similarly named candidates. The media generally enabled voters to make an informed choice, although public broadcasters showed bias in favour of the governing parties.

The international election observation mission was a joint undertaking of the OSCE, comprising the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Thirteen OSCE parliamentarians participated in the observation mission, and were supported by three staff members from the PA’s Secretariat: Ambassador Andreas Nothelle, Presidential Advisor Andreas Baker, and Research/Publications Officer Nat Parry. A full list of participants follows:

OSCE PA Delegation

CHRISTMAS-MØLLER, Pia
Vice-President of the OSCE PA

Head of Delegation

CRUCKE, Jean-Luc

DUBIE, Josy

LJUBICIC, Drago

EXNER, Vaclav

RUMMO, Paul-Eerik

MIGLIORI, Riccardo

AITAKHANOV, Kuanysh

PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas

DUMITRESCU, Liana

Denmark

Belgium

Belgium

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Czech Republic

Estonia

Italy

Kazakhstan

Lithuania

Romania

BATTELLI, Roberto

MIESCH, Christian

TANRIKULU, Ahmet Kenan

Slovenia

Switzerland

Turkey

Accompanied by

KRESTALICA, Predrag

RAJAKOVIC, Jelena

HAN, Shelly

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina

United States

International Secretariat

BAKER, Michael Andreas

NOTHELLE, Andreas

PARRY, Nathaniel

Presidential Advisor

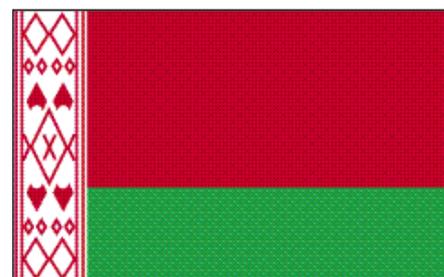
Special Representative

Research/Publications Officer

BELARUS

Parliamentary Elections

28 September 2008



Despite some minor improvements, the 28 September parliamentary elections in Belarus ultimately fell short of OSCE commitments for democratic elections, international observers from the OSCE concluded in a preliminary statement issued on Monday, 29 September.

The election took place in a strictly controlled environment with a barely visible campaign, said the observers from the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Voting was generally well conducted, but the process deteriorated considerably during the vote count. Promises to ensure transparency of the vote count were not implemented. The count was assessed as bad or very bad in 48 per cent of polling stations visited. Where access was possible, several cases of deliberate falsification of results were observed.

OSCE monitors were prevented or hindered from observing the vote count in 35 per cent of cases. This compromised the transparency of this fundamental element of the election process.

“The clear signals to improve the election process were not implemented and substantial improvements are required if Belarus is to conduct genuinely democratic elections in line with our common OSCE commitments. Unfortunately the repeated signals of good will did not seem to have been correctly given or received. Consequently the significant progress we hoped for in the democratic development of Belarus did not materialize,” said Anne-Marie Lizin, Vice President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers.

Positive developments included the slightly increased access of opposition representatives to election commissions, the decision to rebroadcast once the five-minute candidate spots during prime time, and the recommendation to seal ballot box slots overnight during the five-day early voting period. Some opposition candidates noted progress in their ability to conduct meetings in authorized locations without interference.

The observation mission was led by 62 parliamentarians from the OSCE PA, who were accompanied by OSCE PA Special Representative Andreas Nothelle, Director of Communications Klas Bergman, Programme Officer Anna Chernova and Logistics Officer Petra Jezkova. The OSCE PA delegation consisted of:

OSCE PA Delegation

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Head of Delegation

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VAN DEN EYNDE, Seraphin

KOUMINEV, Mintcho

PAUNOV, Alexander

BRATSKY, Petr

DIMITROV, Kosta

EXNER, Václav

Belgium

Belgium

Bulgaria

Bulgaria

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

PLACHY, Jaroslav

LUND, Jens Christian

MARRANDI, Jaanus

MEIKAR, Silver

RUMMO, Paul-Eerik

MARIANI, Thierry

VOISON, Michel

BECK, Marieluise

SCHIRMBECK, Georg

WELLMANN, Karl-Georg

DE BURCA, Deirdre

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Estonia

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Pre-election briefing



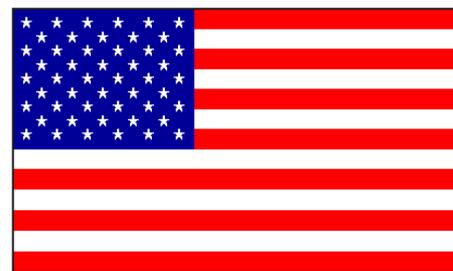
Post-election press conference in Minsk

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PICCHI, Guglielmo	Italy	JEPPSSON, Peter	Sweden
RANDAZZO, Antonino	Italy	LINDESTAM, Asa	Sweden
RIGONI, Andrea	Italy	OHOLM, Oskar	Sweden
MAGGIO, Giuseppe	Italy	SANDTROM, Åke	Sweden
DOSMANBETOV, Bakbergen	Kazakhstan	WIGSTROM, Cecilia	Sweden
JAZIN, Amanzhol	Kazakhstan	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
DENISOVS, Olegs	Latvia	WIDMER, Hans	Switzerland
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MINKO, Kristina	Latvia	OYAN, Oguz	Turkey
PABEDINSKAS, Skirmantas	Lithuania		
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NEFEDOV, Victor	Russian Federation		
SEMENOVA, Ekaterina	Russian Federation		

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

General Elections

4 November 2008



The 4 November 2008 elections in the United States clearly reflected the will of the people and demonstrated convincingly the country's commitment to democracy, reported the OSCE PA Election Observation Mission. At a press conference in Washington, D.C., on 6 November, OSCE PA President Joao Soares, who led the Election Observation Mission, noted that "there has been a lack of trust in many parts of the world towards the U.S. election system, but Tuesday's elections were a display in democracy and they regained trust in the American electoral system."

In its Post-Election Statement, the OSCE PA noted that despite concerns expressed by some interlocutors over the capacity to deal with record-high voter turnout, observers noted only minor problems, including long lines in some voting precincts and isolated cases of voting machines malfunctioning. In this regard, the observers particularly stressed the positive effects of early voting, which was offered in over 30 states. It also emphasized that further reforms would be beneficial in ensuring the smooth functioning of future U.S. elections. "The decentralized and highly diverse electoral system lacks uniform standards," the OSCE PA noted. This creates "vulnerabilities in the system, particularly with regard to the integrity and complexity of voter registration, voter identification, and electronic voting machines." The statement also recommends looking into the lack of secrecy of the vote, particularly with regard to the use of optical scanners.

OSCE PA Vice-President Pia Christmas-Moeller, who served as Deputy Head of the Mission, spoke about her experiences from her pre-visit to five different states as well as from her election observations in Cleveland, Ohio. She noted the progress that has been made in the U.S. electoral system since 2004 but stressed that the decentralized election system can be a challenge for voters and officials.

The OSCE PA's election observation mission fielded 95 observers, including 77 Members of Parliament from 28 countries. From the International Secretariat, the Mission was headed by Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen and included seven other staff members. The OSCE PA established its full-time Mission on 12 October when Vice-President Christmas-Moeller began her pre-election observation tour. Prior to this, on 22-23 September, the OSCE PA held a two-day election seminar for almost 50 parliamentarians representing 17 countries in Washington D.C. with the assistance of the U.S. Delegation to the OSCE PA and the Helsinki Commission. The PA observers deployed four days prior to Election Day to: Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, Ohio, Missouri, New Mexico and Colorado.

PA Members observed early-voting in several states and met with key election officials as well as with representatives of the main political parties in the states where they were deployed.

A full list of participants follows:

OSCE PA Delegation

SOARES, João	Portugal	GARDETTO, Jean-Charles	Monaco
<i>President of the OSCE PA</i>		BALLO, Olav Gunnar	Norway
<i>Head of Delegation</i>		HANSEN, Sigvald Oppebøen	Norway
CHRISTMAS-MØLLER, Pia	Denmark	HØGLUND, Morten	Norway
<i>Deputy Head of Delegation</i>		NITRAS, Slawomir	Poland
DADE, Arta	Albania	POMAJDA, Wojciech	Poland
GJONI, Ilir	Albania	PONCYLJUSZ, Paweł	Poland
CHERGINETS, Nikolai	Belgium	ALMEIDA, Henriques Antonio	Portugal
COËME, Guy	Belgium	FARSIROTU, Vladimir Mircea	Romania
DE DONNEA, Francois-Xavier	Belgium	MAGHERU, Paul	Romania
LAMBERT, Geert	Belgium	SOKI, Bela	Romania
TINDEMANS, Elke	Belgium	CHERNYAVSKIY, Valentin	Russian Federation
TOMMELEIN, Bart	Belgium	CHIZHOV, Sergey	Russian Federation
FUDULOVA, Siyana	Bulgaria	KARPOVICH, Natalia	Russian Federation
GROZDILOVA, Snezhana	Bulgaria	KOZLOVSKIY, Alexander	Russian Federation
KIRCHEV, Hristo	Bulgaria	NEFEDOV, Viktor	Russian Federation
MALINOV, Svetoslav	Bulgaria	OGANIAN, Oganés	Russian Federation
NEDZHMI, Ali	Bulgaria	TARASYUK, Vasily	Russian Federation
SHOULEVA, Lidia	Bulgaria	BATTELLI, Roberto	Slovenia
PICULA, Tonino	Croatia	ENOCHSON, Annelie	Sweden
EVAGOROU, Stavros	Cyprus	HABSBURG-DOUGLAS Walburga	Sweden
KYRIAKIDOU, Athina	Cyprus	JUHOLT, Håkan	Sweden
STYLIANIDES, Christos	Cyprus	LENNMARKER, Göran	Sweden
BRATSKY, Petr	Czech Republic	TINGSGÅRD, Tone	Sweden
DIMITROV, Kosta	Czech Republic	MIESCH, Christian	Switzerland
EXNER, Vaclav	Czech Republic	WIDMER, Johann	Switzerland
PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic	BÜYÜKKAYA, Alaatin	Turkey
KOFOD, Jeppe	Denmark	KALSIN, Canan	Turkey
SJELLE, Helle	Denmark	TANRIKULU, Kenan	Turkey
SHERDY, Mohamed Mostafa	Egypt	HEATH, David	United Kingdom
KOSKINEN, Johannes	Finland		
LAUKKANEN, Markku	Finland	<u>Accompanied by</u>	
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VOISIN, Michel	France	CHAMPOURIS, Giorgos	Greece
ZHVANIA, Lasha	Georgia	MAGGIO, Giuseppe	Italy
KRAMER, Rolf	Germany	KOSIERADZKA, Anetta	Poland
MEINHARDT, Patrick	Germany	PAIXAO, Nuno	Portugal
STEENBLOCK, Rainder	Germany	RUSE, Mario	Romania
CHARAKOPOULOS, Maximos	Greece	PISKAREV, Dimitry	Russian Federation
DIMARAS, Ioannis	Greece	SHMATOVA, Olga	Russian Federation
EFTHYMIU, Petros	Greece	STAVITSKIY, Valery	Russian Federation
SKANDALAKIS, Panayotis	Greece	ILERI, Cenk	Turkey
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BARBIERI, Emerenzio	Italy	BAKER, Andreas	Presidential Advisor
D'AMICO, Claudio	Italy	BERGMAN, Klas	Director of Communications
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MARUCCI, Andrea	Italy	JEZKOVA, Petra	Logistics Officer
RANDAZZO, Antonino	Italy	LERRAS, Kurt	General Services Officer
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		SCHØN, Tina	Deputy Secretary General

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Presidential Election

22 March 2009



The elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia met most OSCE and Council of Europe commitments and standards for democratic elections, although some challenges remain, announced Vice-President Pia Christmas-Moeller (Denmark) at a press conference in Skopje on 23 March.

Ms. Christmas-Moeller had been appointed by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator to lead the short term OSCE observer mission of the 22 March elections.

“It is a pleasure for me to see that this country has made a number of steps along the democratic road that it returned to during the rerun of the elections last summer. Irregularities and a lack of trust remain – and these must be dealt with – but there is no doubt that you have made further progress in holding elections according to international commitments,” she said. Ms. Christmas-Moeller was also OSCE Special Co-ordinator for the observer mission to the parliamentary elections in the country in June 2008.

The observer mission noted that parties and civil society had made a concerted effort to ensure a calm and peaceful campaign, and that the election administration made a genuine effort to run transparent elections, despite an insufficient number of staff. Voting Day was altogether assessed quite positively.

However, the observers reported that an atmosphere of distrust persisted to some extent, as demonstrated by numerous troubling allegations of election-related pressure or intimidation. Ms. Christmas-Moeller also noted that the accuracy of the voter lists continues to be another serious problem.

OSCE PA President Soares had appointed an 18-member OSCE parliamentary delegation. Ms. Christmas-Moeller led the some 300 short-term OSCE observers who worked together with a delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe as well as with long term observers deployed by the OSCE/ODIHR. The Council of Europe’s Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, which observed the municipal elections, also subscribed to the statement.

From the International Secretariat the delegation was supported by Special Representative Andreas Nothelle, Presidential Advisor Andreas Baker and Research Fellows Cecilia Lagomarsino and Nadja Douglas. A full list of participants is below.

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MONTENEGRO

Parliamentary Elections

29 March 2009

The 29 March 2009 parliamentary elections in Montenegro met almost all international commitments and standards, but the process again underscored the need for further democratic development, the international election observation mission concluded in its preliminary post-election statement on 30 March at a press conference in Podgorica.

“I have long watched Montenegro’s political and economic development, both before and after its independence. In those years, the country has made steady democratic progress and Election Day was truly impressive. There

is no doubt in my mind that these elections further strengthened Montenegro’s democracy,” said Roberto Battelli, Head of the delegation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) and Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observer mission.

The international observation mission was comprised of close to 190 observers from 40 countries, including 22 representatives from OSCE PA, 14 from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and 30 long-term observers from OSCE/ODIHR.

Overall, the elections were organized professionally, and political parties were able to present their programmes to voters freely, the mission stated. The voting and counting process was evaluated highly positively – or in 98 percent of the almost 700 polling stations visited – by the observers, with very few incidents reported. The vote count was evaluated positively in all but one case.

The observers noted, however, that lack of public confidence remained a key challenge, as frequent allegations of electoral fraud and a blurring of state and party structures created a negative atmosphere among many voters. Other remaining challenges include a lack of adequate legal redress and insufficient critical reporting by most broadcast media.

The OSCE PA’s observation mission was supported by Ambassador Andreas Nothelle from the Vienna Liaison Office, Klas Bergman, Director of Communications at the International Secretariat in Copenhagen, and Research Fellow Paul Pryce from the Vienna office. Below is a full list of participants.

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KLUMBYS, Egidijus

KOWAL, Pawel

KARPOVICH, Natalia

JUHOLT, Hakau

WIDMER, Johannes

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Austria

Belgium

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Bulgaria

France

Italy

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Poland

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MOLDOVA

Parliamentary Elections

5 April 2009



The 5 April 2009 parliamentary elections took place in an overall pluralistic environment, offering voters distinct political alternatives and meeting many OSCE and Council of Europe commitments. Further improvements are required to ensure an electoral process free from undue administrative interference and to increase public confidence.

That was the conclusion of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) to Moldova in its preliminary post-election statement delivered by Petros Efthymiou at a press conference in Chisinau on 6 April 2009. Mr. Efthymiou headed the delegation from the OSCE



Parliamentary Assembly and served as the Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short term observers. The IEOM also included the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the OSCE/ODIHR.

Voting on Election Day was well-organized and took place in a calm and peaceful atmosphere, without any major incidents reported, the statement said. Observers noted good knowledge of electoral procedures both by election commission members and most voters. Counting was also assessed positively, but a number of significant procedural shortcomings were noted. Processing of results by District Electoral Councils requires further improvement.

“I am delighted with the progress of democracy in Moldova. These elections were very good and they gave me great confidence in the future of this country,” Mr. Efthymiou said at the press conference.

The media provided contestants with opportunities to convey messages to the electorate, in particular through debates and paid airtime, and therefore allowed voters to make an informed choice, the statement noted. However, the public broadcaster *Moldova 1* in its news offered preferential treatment of the authorities, blurring the distinction between the coverage of duties of top State officials and their campaign activities.

The observers also noted that party lists and candidates were registered in an inclusive process, and the Central Election Commission operated in an overall professional and transparent manner. Also, the process of adjudication of complaints and appeals by electoral bodies and courts ensured that electoral challenges were generally considered in a timely manner and with respect for principles of due process.

However, observers stated that there were several shortcomings that needed to be addressed. The campaign environment was affected by frequent allegations of intimidation, including by the police, of voters and candidates, and allegations of misuse of administrative resources. Also, voter registration lacked uniformity and an adequate legal framework, the observers noted.

The Election Code generally provided an adequate basis for the conduct of democratic elections. Nonetheless, the combination of the electoral threshold, prohibition of pre-electoral alliances and the restriction of electoral rights of persons with multiple citizenship created obstacles for many political parties and candidates. In addition, the voter turnout requirement for an election to be valid allows for cycles of failed elections.

As in previous elections, voting did not take place on the territory that is, since 1992, under the *de facto* control of the Transnistrian authorities. Voters residing in Transnistria could vote at ten special polling stations. In Corjova, a disputed commune on the eastern bank, voting was aggressively prevented during the day by a seemingly organized crowd. A full list of election observers follows.

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KOWAL, Pawel	Poland		
NITRAS, Slawomir	Poland		
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PIRES DE LIMA, Isabel	Portugal		
BUCIUTA, Stefan	Romania		
CRACIUN, Avram	Romania		
DAVID, Cristian	Romania		
DUMITRACHE, Ileana-Cristina	Romania		
EDLER, Andras Gyorgy	Romania		
ROGIN, Marius	Romania		
CHERNYAVSKIY, Valentin	Russian Federation		
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RASHKIN, Valery	Russian Federation		
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STAVITSKIY, Valery	Russian Federation		
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LEVANIC, Dejan	Slovenia		
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ALBANIA

Parliamentary Elections

28 June 2009



The International Election Observation Mission concluded that Albania's election process demonstrated improvements, but also noted that violations persist. The observers said the elections marked tangible progress with regard to the introduction of new voter registration and identification procedures, and the adoption of an improved legal framework. But the observers also noted that these improvements were overshadowed by the politicization of technical aspects of the process and violations observed during the campaign which undermined public confidence in the electoral process.

Election day was overall calm and peaceful and the atmosphere was improved. Observers assessed the voting process slightly more positively than in previous elections, but noted procedural violations related in particular to inking procedures and widespread family voting.

The mission said it was too early to make a definite assessment, as the vote count and tabulation of results have yet to be completed.

"The country has matured, it has made progress, and many of the fears we had only some months ago have not materialized. I'm certainly happy about the progress we saw, but there is also a considerable number of issues that need to be tackled, in particular the polarized political climate," said Wolfgang Grossruck, Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observer mission.

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GOLDRING, Peter

EXNER, Vaclav

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PLANCADE, Jean-Pierre

STEENBLOCK, Rainder

BARBIERI, Emerenzio

D'AMICO, Claudio

MANTINI, Pierluigi

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RANDAZZO, Antonino

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Austria

Austria

Austria

Belgium

Canada

Canada

Canada

Czech Republic

Finland

France

France

Germany

Italy

Italy

Italy

Italy

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Poland

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KYRGYZSTAN

Presidential Election

23 July 2009

Kyrgyzstan's presidential election failed to meet key OSCE commitments, despite some positive elements, the OSCE election observation mission concluded in a preliminary statement released today.

"We are pleased to see some political pluralism and an active civil society, but this was undermined by an overall uneven playing field in which the distinction between the ruling party and the State was blurred," said Senator Consiglio Di Nino, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers and Head of the delegation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Voters could choose from a number of presidential candidates and civil society played an important role in the election process. But observers also stressed that the incumbent gained an unfair advantage over his opponents through the misuse of administrative resources and bias in the media coverage of the campaign, which did not allow voters to make an informed choice.

The observers noted instances of obstruction of opposition campaign events as well as pressure and intimidation of opposition supporters. The shortcomings observed contributed to an atmosphere of distrust and undermined public confidence in holding genuinely democratic elections.

Election day was marred by many problems and irregularities, including ballot box stuffing, inaccuracies in the voter lists, and multiple voting. The process further deteriorated during the vote count and the tabulation of results, with observers evaluating this part of the process negatively in more than half of observations. Twenty-two parliamentarians participated in the election observation mission:



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DESEYN, Roel

RADIN, Furio

PETKOVIC, Milovan

DIMITROV, Kosta

EXNER, Vaclav

JACQUES, Katerina

NUTT, Mart

MARIANI, Thierry

VOISIN, Michel

BARBIERI, Emerenzio

PICCHI, Guglielmo

Canada

Norway

Austria

Austria

Belgium

Croatia

Croatia

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Estonia

France

France

Italy

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FRICK, Pepo

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GRAD, Mariusz

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MIESCH, Christian

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MOLDOVA

Parliamentary Elections

29 July 2009



The 29 July parliamentary elections in Moldova met many international standards, but the process underscored the need for continued democratic reforms to restore public trust, the international election observation mission concluded.

The election was overall well-administered, allowing for competition of political parties representing a plurality of views. The observers stressed that the campaign was negatively affected by subtle intimidation and media bias.

“I am encouraged by the conduct of these elections. Many OSCE commitments were met, but important challenges remain if the lack of trust among the country’s political parties and voters is to be overcome so that Moldova’s democracy can continue to improve,” said Petros Efthymiou, head of the OSCE PA delegation and special co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers.

The observers noted that while election day was well-organized and calm, the misuse of administrative resources had a negative effect on the equality of campaign opportunities.

In all, 300 short-term observers from 40 countries were deployed on election day, including 38 from the OSCE PA, 16 from PACE, and 11 from the European Parliament. Voting was observed in some 1,000 polling stations out of a total of 1,986. The OSCE PA’s mission was supported by Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen, Director of Communications Klas Bergman, Programme Officer Anna Chernova, and Logistics Officer Petra Jezkova from the International Secretariat.

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KITIR, Meryame	Belgium	MOVILA, Petru	Romania
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PETKOVIC, Milovan	Czech Republic	NORDEN, Marie	Sweden
DMITROV, Kosta	Czech Republic	KALSIN, Canan	Turkey
EXNER, Vaclav	Czech Republic	OYAN, Oguz	Turkey
PLACHY, Jaroslav	France	HILTON, Jennifer	United Kingdom
MARIANI, Thierry	France	LLOYD, Tony	United Kingdom
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COMPAGNA, Luigi	Italy	CHERNOVA, Anna	Programme Officer
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UKRAINE

Presidential Election (First Round)

17 January 2010

The first round of Ukraine's presidential election was of high quality, showing significant progress over previous elections and meeting most OSCE commitments, the OSCE PA President and Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers, Joao Soares, announced on 18 January.

"This election offered the voters a genuine choice between candidates and it showed significant progress over previous elections," said Mr. Soares at a press conference in Kyiv on behalf of the international election observation mission.

The observers noted that the election demonstrated respect for civil and political rights. Candidates were able to campaign freely, and the campaign period was generally calm and orderly.

Although the legal framework remained unclear and incomplete in some respects, the election was generally administered efficiently, and commissions worked in a collegial and non-partisan manner. A pluralistic media offered voters a variety of information about candidates.

Voting and counting on election day was assessed overwhelmingly positively by observers. President Soares noted that "election day went well and observers judged the voting process as good or very good in 97 percent of the polling stations visited. The vote count was assessed as good or very good in 95 percent of our reports."

Mr. Soares observed the voting on election day in Kyiv and appointed deputies to lead OSCE PA observer teams in regions throughout the country.

Teams were deployed in Kyiv, led by Alcee Hastings; Donetsk, led by Tone Tingsgaard; Kharkiv, led by Canan Kalsin; Lviv, led by Wolfgang Grossruck; Odesa, led by François-Xavier De Donnea; and Simferopol, led by Roberto Battelli. The OSCE observation mission, comprising both the OSCE PA and OSCE ODIHR, worked in close co-operation with parliamentarians from the Council of Europe, NATO, and the European Parliament. The Assembly's delegation consisted of 117 observers from 31 countries:

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Deputy Head of Delegation

DE DONNEA, Francois-Xavier

Deputy Head of Delegation

BATTELLI, Roberto

Deputy Head of Delegation

TINGSGAARD, Tone

Deputy Head of Delegation

KALSIN, Canan

Deputy Head of Delegation

HASTINGS, Alcee

Deputy Head of Delegation

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Belgium

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Sweden

Turkey

United States

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KUNASEK, Mario

BEDRITSKY, Gleb

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COLLAS, Bernard Berni

CHRISTOPHERSON, David

DI NINO, Consiglio

GOLDRING, Peter

GUAY, Monique

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EXNER, Vaclav

JENSEN, Peter Juel

LUND, Jens Christian

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Austria

Belarus

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UKRAINE

Presidential Election (Second Round)

7 February 2010

Ukraine's run-off presidential election on 7 February confirmed the international election observation mission's earlier assessment that the electoral process met most international commitments.

OSCE PA President and Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short term observers Joao Soares said at a press conference on 8 February that "Yesterday's vote was an impressive display of democratic elections. For everyone in Ukraine, this election was a victory."

In its statement of preliminary findings, the observation mission noted that the lack of mutual trust between the candidates, as well as a deficient legal framework, were at the root of the problems observed and constitute a pressing challenge for the new leadership.

Nevertheless, the candidates were able to campaign freely in a competitive election environment and the existing legal framework provided a basis for holding democratic elections. The election "consolidated progress achieved since 2004," the observers said.

The joint statement of the PA, the OSCE ODIHR, the European Parliament and the parliamentary assemblies of NATO and the Council of Europe, also noted that amending the election law between the two rounds of voting was "inappropriate" but pointed out that the last minute amendments adopted by the government did not impact the conduct of election day.

The PA's observation mission consisted of 69 observers in the second round, including 51 Members of Parliament from 23 participating States:

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CHRISTOPHERSON, David

DI NINO, Consiglio

GOLDRING, Peter

GUAY, Monique

HALL FINDLAY, Martha

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	PLACHY, Jaroslav	Czech Republic
Armenia	LUND, Jens Christian	Denmark
Austria	PLANCADE, Jean-Pierre	France
Austria	VOISIN, Michel	France
Belarus	WEISSKIRCHEN, Gert	Germany
Belgium	EFTHYMIOU, Petros	Greece
Canada	ZOIS, Christos	Greece
Canada	BARBIERI, Emerenzio	Italy
Canada	D'AMICO, Claudio	Italy
Canada	RANDAZZO, Antonino	Italy
Canada	DOSMANBETOV, Bakbergen	Kazakhstan



Johann Widmer, Head of the Swiss Delegation, observing mobile voting in Donetsk

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CAMPOS FERREIRA, Luis	Portugal
CRACIUN, Avram	Romania
DOBRE, Cristina Elena	Romania
MOVILA, Petru	Romania
SEVERIN, Georgica	Romania
KULAKOV, Vladimir	Russian Federation
NARUSOVA, Liudmila	Russian Federation
NEFEDOV, Victor	Russian Federation
TARASYUK, Vasily	Russian Federation
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JURI, Luka	Slovenia
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PEREZ TAPIAS, Jose Antonio	Spain
POZUELO MENO, Isabel	Spain
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TAJIKISTAN

Parliamentary Elections

28 February 2010

The parliamentary elections in Tajikistan on 28 February took place peacefully, but despite certain small positive steps the elections failed to meet many key OSCE commitments. Serious irregularities took place on election day, including high incidence of observed proxy and family voting, despite the stated aim of the authorities of Tajikistan to hold more democratic and transparent elections.

In a positive development, the higher-level election commissions were more inclusive than in previous elections, international observers concluded in the preliminary post-election statement issued at a press conference in Dushanbe on 1 March by PA Vice-President Pia Christmas-Moeller.

Over 250 short-term observers from 41 OSCE countries were deployed, with 49 members from the OSCE PA and 12 from the European Parliament, in addition to ODIHR's long-term mission. Ms. Christmas-Moeller appointed Vice-President Wolfgang Grossruck (Austria), a veteran election observer, as Deputy Head of the PA's observation mission as well as a consultancy group which included Claudio D'Amico (Italy), Morten Hoeglund (Norway), Pawel Poncyłjusz (Poland), Johann Widmer (Switzerland), Alaattin Buyukkaya (Turkey), and Simon Burns (U.K.).



Tajikistan's Foreign Minister Hamrokhon Zarifi receives Pia Christmas-Moeller and other members of the OSCE PA mission on 1 March

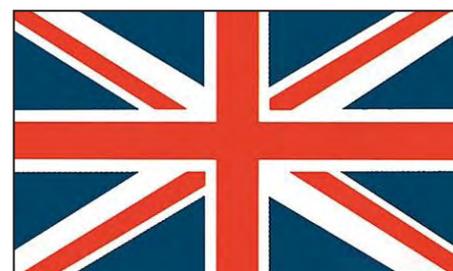
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UNITED KINGDOM

Parliamentary Elections

6 May 2010



The 6 May general elections in the United Kingdom demonstrated that democracy is a vibrant force in the world's oldest parliamentary system, concluded the OSCE PA's observer delegation in a statement issued on 7 May. In particular, direct debates between the leaders of the three major parties sparked interest in the democratic process and in public policy in the United Kingdom.

Legislation governing elections is clearly understood by practitioners and stakeholders, the observers noted, and is underpinned by widespread trust in the electoral system. The delegation, however, expressed concern about reports that voters who were lining up to vote at the time of closing were not allowed to vote. Some interlocutors expressed concern about the possible vulnerability to fraud of postal voting, despite safeguards introduced in 2006. Unlike most other electoral systems in the OSCE, the pure first-past-the-post system in the United Kingdom allows for a distribution of seats in parliament which does not reflect the preference of the general electorate in the United Kingdom.

The OSCE PA delegation included Members of Parliament from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Russia and Tajikistan. In addition to leading the Assembly's delegation, President Soares was also appointed to lead the OSCE observation mission by the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Kazakhstan's Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev. As part of the ongoing observation, the OSCE PA delegation was briefed for several days prior to election day in London by officials from the Electoral Commission and the Library of the House of Commons, representatives from the major political parties, the media and civil society.

The parliamentarians deployed in the London and Manchester areas to follow preparation at polling stations, actual voting processes, the handling of postal ballots, and the counting procedure.

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Tajik MP Muhiddin Kabirov with Joao Soares in the background



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

General Elections

3 October 2010

The general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 3 October represented further progress and, except for legal restrictions of voting rights, were conducted generally in line with OSCE commitments, international observers concluded in a preliminary statement issued on 4 October.

“We have seen yet another demonstration that the electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina has stabilized, which is a further promising step towards full integration into the European structures,” said Special Co-ordinator Roberto Battelli who led the short-term OSCE observer mission and headed the OSCE PA delegation. “I hope we will soon see the new parliament address the remaining issues.”

Voters could choose from a broad range of candidates representing a wide political spectrum. Election day was orderly and calm. Voting was assessed positively, but the unusually high percentage of invalid ballots was a matter of concern.

The election commissions at the central and municipal level enjoyed general confidence among electoral stakeholders. The appointment process of polling station committees, however, was tainted by the practice of contestants nominating committee members affiliated with another party or candidate, or contestants trading seats. The election campaign was occasionally marked by nationalist rhetoric and inflammatory statements. While contestants addressed economic, social and European integration topics, constitutional issues and underlying ethnic divisions remained omnipresent.

Mr. Battelli headed the OSCE PA delegation of 32 parliamentarians as well as more than 250 OSCE short-term observers.

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KYRGYZSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

10 October 2010



Marked by political pluralism and a vibrant campaign, the 10 October parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan constituted a further consolidation of the democratic process and brought the country closer to meeting its international commitments on democratic elections, international observers concluded in a preliminary statement issued on 11 October. They stressed, however, that there remains an urgent need for a profound reform of the electoral legislation.

“I was impressed by the political pluralism, the civic responsibility and the spirit of the people of this country. I have observed many elections in Central Asia over the years but this is the first election where I could not predict the outcome. This election reflected the will of the people of the Kyrgyz Republic,” said Morten Høglund, appointed as Special Coordinator to lead the short-term OSCE observer mission and Head of the delegation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

The observers noted that the inclusive registration process resulted in a pluralistic field of political parties which provided voters with a genuine choice. The campaign was highly competitive and took place in a peaceful atmosphere despite underlying tensions following the June violence. Political parties were generally able to campaign freely without major impediments or incidents. Overall, fundamental freedoms were respected. The central election commission operated independently and enjoyed the confidence of electoral stakeholders.

On election day, voting proceeded in a calm, orderly and transparent manner, although the presence of unauthorized persons in polling stations was a concern. In some cases these persons interfered in the process. The counting was assessed much less positively, with observers noting procedural violations and problems with completing protocols. In a positive move, the central election commission published results broken down by polling stations throughout election night.

Generally, the media covered the campaign only through the broadcasting of paid advertisements. This allowed voters to form opinions on political alternatives, but made it difficult for them to make a fully informed choice due to the lack of impartial and analytical information.

The observers noted that the legal framework for elections is not yet consistent with the constitution and is in urgent need of comprehensive reform.



Morten Hoeglund observing the vote in Bishkek

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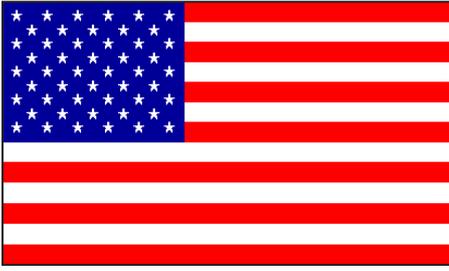
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Midterm Elections

2 November 2010

The 2 November midterm elections demonstrated the United States' commitment to democracy and the vote reflected the will of the people, international observers from the OSCE PA said in its post-election statement delivered by Joao Soares, OSCE Special Co-ordinator for the observation mission.

The ability of voters to vote early and the encouragement of such early voting clearly eased any capacity problems that might have occurred.

The campaign was at times intense and dirty. Money played a significant role, creating an uneven playing field between candidates. Political advertisements inundated the airwaves, turning many voters off, the statement said. The U.S. electoral system continues to be decentralized and highly diverse with a lack of uniform country-wide standards, creating vulnerabilities in the system. OSCE PA observers encouraged further debate to develop more uniform standards within the U.S. election system.

The OSCE PA's election observation mission included 42 parliamentarians from 21 countries. The observers were deployed to six states: Virginia, Maryland, Colorado, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Delaware.



Joao Soares delivers the post-election statement in Washington

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AZERBAIJAN

Parliamentary Elections

7 November 2010



In a statement delivered on 8 November by Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers and Head of the PA's delegation Wolfgang Grossruck, international observers concluded that while the 7 November parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan were characterized by a peaceful atmosphere with all opposition parties participating in the political process, the conduct of the elections overall was not sufficient to constitute meaningful progress in the democratic development of the country.

Observers noted that the Central Election Commission administered the elections well, but limitations of media freedom and freedom of assembly further weakened the opposition and made vibrant political discourse almost impossible. On the positive side, voters had the opportunity to check the centralized voter register and request correction or inclusion, and the CEC conducted a voter education campaign, including in the media.

Mr. Grossruck participated in a pre-assessment mission to the country from 14 to 18 October. The OSCE PA's observation mission consisted of 41 Members of Parliament from 20 countries and worked closely with the OSCE/ODIHR, the PACE and the European Parliament.

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MOLDOVA

Parliamentary Elections

28 November 2010



Special Co-ordinator Tonino Picula speaking with Indrek Saar, Head of the PACE delegation

The 28 November early parliamentary elections in Moldova met most OSCE commitments, international observers concluded in a post-election statement delivered by Special Co-ordinator Tonino Picula at a press conference in Chisinau on 29 November.

The observers noted that the elections were administered in a transparent and impartial manner and a wide range of candidates provided voters with a genuine choice. Election day was assessed positively although some procedural errors were observed. Civil and political rights were respected during the election campaign, and a pluralistic media covered the campaign actively and provided voters with diverse information.

A number of amendments to the electoral code improved the electoral framework overall. However, the

introduction of a new mandate allocation system – shortly before the elections and without public consultations – was problematic. The quality of voter lists remained a weak point and led to diminished public confidence. Further efforts are needed to remedy remaining deficiencies and strengthen public confidence, the observers stated.

Mr. Picula led more than 200 short-term observers including more than 30 OSCE parliamentarians. The OSCE PA's delegation was supported by Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen, Programme Officer Anna Chernova and Logistics Officer Petra Jezkova.

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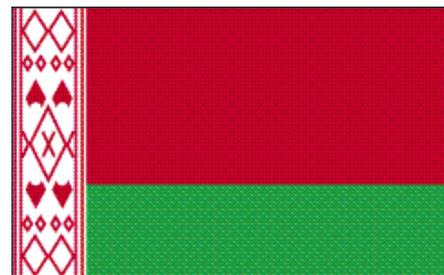
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BELARUS

Presidential Election

19 December 2010



Speaking in Minsk on 20 December, Tony Lloyd reported that the 19 December presidential election showed that Belarus still has a considerable way to go in meeting its OSCE commitments, although some specific improvements were made.

Election night was marred by the detention of most presidential candidates and hundreds of activists, journalists and civil society representatives.

Mr. Lloyd, who headed the OSCE PA observation mission and was appointed as Special Co-ordinator to lead the short-term OSCE observer mission, said that “This election failed to give Belarus the new start it needed. The counting process lacked transparency. The people of Belarus deserved better.” He called upon the Belarusian government to account for the arrests of presidential candidates, journalists and human rights activists.

In leading the Parliamentary Assembly’s team, Mr. Lloyd was supported by Vice-President and Chairman of the Senate of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, who served as Deputy Head of the observation mission of more than 50 parliamentarians. The OSCE observation mission was a common endeavour of the OSCE PA and the OSCE/ODIHR.

The observers noted that during the campaign, all candidates were able to convey their messages to the electorate in an unhindered manner. They could address the electorate directly through two TV debates and free airtime provided to them in an uncensored but limited format.

Nevertheless, the mission concluded that the current President and the other contenders competed on unequal terms. There were cases of misuse of administrative resources to promote the incumbent. Nationwide broadcasters devoted some 90 per cent of political news to the current President. The lack of media diversity reduced the possibility for voters to make an informed choice.

The Central Election Commission administered the technical aspects of the election process well and in a transparent manner, but lacked impartiality. Although the election legislation allows for a pluralistic composition of election commissions, in practice less than one per cent of commission members represented the opposition.

Despite some improvements in the election legislation, the legal framework still does not adequately guarantee the conduct of elections in line with OSCE commitments.

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KAZAKHSTAN

Presidential Election

3 April 2011



Tonino Picula, former Foreign Minister of Croatia, headed the OSCE PA's delegation to observe Kazakhstan's presidential election on 3 April and was appointed by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office to deliver the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE. Walburga Habsburg Douglas (Sweden) and Matteo Mecacci (Italy) served as deputy heads of the OSCE PA's delegation.

Around 80 PA observers, including 57 MPs, were deployed throughout the country, particularly in the Astana and Almaty regions. The participants were extensively briefed by NGOs, representatives of political parties, presidential candidates, election officials and OSCE long-term observers. The observation

mission noted progress in Kazakhstan since the country's independence but said that reforms need to be implemented before the next parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan.

While the election was technically well administered, the absence of opposition candidates and of a vibrant political discourse resulted in a non-competitive environment. A limited field of candidates did not seek to challenge the incumbent.

"While Kazakhstan has achieved a lot since independence, this election has showed that the country still needs to make improvements to meet democratic commitments, particularly in the fields of freedom of assembly and media," said Special Co-ordinator Tonino Picula. "Despite this election showing a lack of expected progress, we hope the country will use it as a learning experience to improve future elections and ensure genuine competition."

Compared to the last presidential election, the media provided more equality in covering candidates in the news programmes, but outside the news there was little analytical election-related coverage, diminishing the ability of voters to make a fully informed choice. "On the positive side," Mr. Picula said, "we were pleased to see a proactive government effort to transparently update the voter lists."

Mr. Picula also noted that women were well represented at many levels of election administration.

The PA's election observation mission was supported by Deputy Director of Field Operations Roberto Montella, Senior Counsellor Semyon Dzakhaev, Programme Officer Anna Chernova, Logistics Officer Petra Jezkova, Communications Director Neil Simon and Secretary General Spencer Oliver from the Secretariat.



Tonino Picula delivers the post-election statement in Astana



Tonino Picula at a polling station in Almaty



Walburga Habsburg Douglas at a polling station in Almaty

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FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Parliamentary Elections

5 June 2011



Roberto Battelli inspects a ballot box

At a press conference in Skopje on 6 June, OSCE PA Treasurer and Special Representative on South East Europe Roberto Battelli said that the 5 June early parliamentary elections were competitive, transparent and well-administered, but certain aspects such as the blurring of the line between state and party require further attention.

“These elections have laid a cornerstone for a stable, democratic future,” said Roberto Battelli, appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator to lead the short-term observer mission and deliver the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE. “The reality of election day has proven many of the pre-election allegations wrong and put the country on track to have a climate free of paranoia that undermines

voters’ faith in the electoral process.”

Working with parliamentary colleagues from PACE, as well as with the OSCE/ODIHR, the OSCE PA delegation consisted of 55 observers including 34 Members of Parliament. A full list is below.

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TURKEY

Parliamentary Elections

12 June 2011



Head of the OSCE PA delegation
Pia Christmas-Moeller

Turkey's parliamentary elections demonstrated pluralism but also showed a need for improvements on fundamental freedoms, according to international election observers from the Parliamentary Assemblies of the OSCE and Council of Europe.

"To fully live up to its democratic commitments, Turkey must do more than run efficient professional elections on the day of the vote," said Pia Christmas-Moeller (Denmark), head of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly delegation. "Free expression and a media environment in which reporters are free from political pressure and intimidation are critical for Turkey to strengthen its democracy and be a model in the wider region."

Voters in the election had a genuine choice after a vigorous campaign period. For the first time, candidates were allowed to campaign in languages other than Turkish. Observers applauded the Supreme Election Board for its professional management of the election and the open access granted to observers.

President Efthymiou appointed OSCE PA Vice-President Pia Christmas-Moeller to lead the observation mission. The observation, bringing together more than 70 observers, including 61 Members of Parliament from 30 countries, was a joint effort of the OSCE PA and PACE.

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TUNISIA

Constituent National Assembly Elections

23 October 2011



Riccardo Migliori speaks to the press at the Independent High Authority for the Elections (ISIE) in Tunis.

International election observers from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly declared the first democratic elections in Tunisia as “free and fair” and praised the Tunisian people for their participation in the electoral process.

“The elections laid a first solid cornerstone for future democratic institution-building,” said Riccardo Migliori (Italy), who headed the observation mission. “In this early phase of democratic transition, only months after violent protests, we saw genuinely free elections. My colleagues and I could not witness any widespread or systematic irregularities.”

Observers said the campaign for the Constituent National Assembly was marked by fair media coverage, giving

voters a chance to make a genuine choice from the large number of party lists that included more than 11,000 candidates. Election day voting was seen as calm and orderly and the counting of votes generally viewed as honest.

Observers did cite restrictive policies on public advertising, the exclusion of followers of the authoritarian regime from the elections, and an imperfect voter registration system as issues that need to be addressed to ensure Tunisia’s compliance with international obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as well as national legislation.

More than 80 OSCE PA observers from 21 OSCE participating States and Algeria observed voting in Djerba, Gafsa, Hammamet, Kairouan, Nabeul, Sidi Bouzid, Sousse, Tozeur, and Tunis. Tunisia is a Partner for Co-operation of the OSCE.

Vice-President Migliori conducted two pre-election visits to Tunisia as Head of the OSCE PA election observation mission. On a pre-election visit to Tunis from 6 to 9 September he met with national authorities, leaders of political parties, members of civil society and representatives of international organizations working in Tunis.

He paid a second visit to the country from 28 September to 1 October. Following a recommendation of the Tunisian electoral authorities, Migliori visited the southern part of the country to get a direct impression of the preparation for the elections and to assess the socio-political climate during the election campaign in rural areas of Tunisia. Vice-President Migliori visited Sousse, Sfax, Gabes, and Medenine, meeting with electoral authorities, leaders and candidates of the major political parties contesting the elections, and representatives of the international observers present in these municipalities.



OSCE PA observers participate in a pre-election briefing in Tunis.

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KYRGYZSTAN

Presidential Election

30 October 2011



The 30 October presidential election in Kyrgyzstan was conducted in a calm atmosphere, but shortcomings underscored that the integrity of the electoral process should be improved to consolidate democratic practice in line with OSCE commitments, said international observers at a press conference on 31 October.

“Despite flaws with the voters lists and tabulation processes, we are cautiously optimistic about the future of democracy in Kyrgyzstan. Significant work is still needed at all levels for this country to live up to its commitments to hold democratic elections,” said OSCE PA Vice-President Walburga Habsburg Douglas (Sweden), the Special Co-ordinator to lead the short-term OSCE observer mission and Head of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly delegation.

The observers noted that candidate registration was inclusive, giving voters a wide choice, and the campaign was open and respected fundamental freedoms. This was overshadowed by significant irregularities on election day, especially during the counting and tabulation of votes. Measures should be taken to improve voter lists, to amend electoral legislation and strengthen the polling process.

Election day proceeded in a peaceful manner and observers overall assessed the voting positively. A considerable number of voters were not on the voter lists and a number of cases of ballot box stuffing, multiple and family voting, vote buying, and bussing of voters were noted. The situation deteriorated during counting and tabulation, with a significant number of polling stations assessed negatively. In many cases, observers were restricted from observing the counting and tabulation.

Walburga Habsburg Douglas conducted a pre-election visit on 9-14 September, meeting with Kyrgyzstan’s President Roza Otunbayeva, the head of the Central Election Commission, the foreign ministry and the international community, including development agencies, in Bishkek. She participated in an OSCE parliamentary forum in the Kyrgyz Parliament and was briefed by the OSCE Centre in Bishkek. In Osh, Habsburg Douglas met with the offices of the mayor and governor, and regional election officials, representatives of civil society and political parties.

The OSCE PA’s delegation consisted of observers from 14 countries.

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Walburga Habsburg Douglas observing in Bishkek

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Parliamentary Elections

4 December 2011



President Efthymiou at a polling station in Moscow

Pointing to a merging of the Russian state with the ruling party and restrictions on freedom of assembly and interference with actions of civil society, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly election observers leveled their criticism at a press conference on 5 December.

The post-election statement delivered on behalf of the OSCE by OSCE PA President Petros Efthymiou said that despite the lack of a level playing field, voters took advantage of their right to express their choice.

A biased media environment in favour of United Russia, pre-election decisions that denied opposition groups the right to form political parties, and a lack of prompt review of electoral complaints also limited political choice and contributed to a lack of fairness in the election, the observers said.

“Yesterday’s elections proved that the Russian people can form the future of this country by expressing their will despite many obstacles,” said Mr. Efthymiou, the Special Co-ordinator to lead the OSCE short-term observation mission. “However, changes are needed for the will of the people to be respected. I particularly noticed the interference of the state in all levels of political life, the lack of necessary conditions for a fair competition and no independence of the media.”

More than 70 OSCE parliamentarians, including bureau members Riccardo Migliori (Italy), Tony Lloyd (United Kingdom), Coskun Coruz (The Netherlands), and Matteo Mecacci (Italy) joined approximately 50 parliamentarians from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Nordic Council observing in several areas of Russia. OSCE PA teams observed election day in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Nizhnij Novgorod, Rostov on Don, Vladivostok, and Irkutsk.

OSCE PA observers were briefed jointly with members from PACE and the Nordic Council for two days in the capital before receiving further briefings in the regions to which they deployed.

Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen organized the OSCE PA mission and was joined by Secretary General Oliver, Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallares, Senior Counsellor Semyon Dzakhayev, Programme Director Anna Chernova, Deputy Field Director Roberto Montella, Logistics Officer Iryna Sabashuk, and Communications Director Neil Simon. Also assisting were Research Fellows Maria Chepurina and Akbota Yermekova.

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KAZAKHSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

15 January 2012

The 15 January parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan failed to meet fundamental principles of democratic elections, João Soares said in delivering the post-election statement of the OSCE election observation mission in Astana.

More than 30 OSCE parliamentarians from 14 countries participated in the mission, which included bilateral meetings and full briefings in Astana and Almaty with government officials and members of unrecognized opposition organizations.

The OSCE statement said the elections were well administered at the technical level and the observers noted legal changes aimed at ensuring representation of at least a second party in parliament, but the authorities did not provide the necessary conditions for the conduct of genuinely pluralistic elections. Several political parties were blocked from standing and a number of candidates were de-registered without due process.

Bureau members Riccardo Migliori (Italy), Wolfgang Grossruck (Austria), Serhiy Shevchuk (Ukraine) and Matteo Mecacci (Italy) participated in the mission with support from the International Secretariat, including Senior Counsellor Semyon Dzakhayev, Communications Director Neil Simon, Programme Director Anna Chernova, and Logistics Officer Iryna Sabashuk.



João Soares speaks to reporters in Astana.

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Presidential Election

4 March 2012



Tonino Picula speaks to the press in Moscow.

Despite some innovations in the election process and unhindered possibilities for campaigning, conditions in the 4 March presidential election in the Russian Federation were clearly skewed in favour of one of the contestants, current Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, said OSCE observers.

“The point of elections is that the outcome should be uncertain. This was not the case in Russia,” said OSCE PA Vice-President Tonino Picula, who led the short-term OSCE observer mission. “There was no real competition and abuse of government resources ensured that the ultimate winner of the election

was never in doubt.”

The PA’s delegation consisted of First Committee Chair Karl-Georg Wellmann, Head of the OSCE PA’s Irish Delegation Eoghan Murphy, Third Committee Chair Matteo Mecacci, and Third Committee Rapporteur Coskun Coruz, Secretary General Spencer Oliver, Programme Director Anna Chernova, and Deputy Director for Field Operations Roberto Montella. The mission was supported by Senior Counsellor Semyon Dzakhaev and Programme Officer Maria Chepurina from the International Secretariat.

The OSCE PA delegation worked closely with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the OSCE/ODIHR.

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Post-election press conference.



ARMENIA

Parliamentary Elections

6 May 2012



Francois-Xavier de Donnea speaks with observers in Yerevan.

At a Yerevan press conference on 7 May, Francois-Xavier de Donnea (Belgium) stated that Armenia's 6 May parliamentary elections featured a vibrant and largely peaceful campaign, with overall balanced media coverage, but pressure on voters, violations of campaign provisions and a deficient complaints process created an unequal playing field.

"Armenia deserves recognition for its electoral reforms and its open and peaceful campaign environment but, in this race, several stakeholders too often failed to comply with the law and election commissions too often failed to enforce it," stated de Donnea.

The OSCE PA observation mission to Armenia included more than 70 participants who were joined by colleagues from the Council of Europe and the European Parliament and worked closely with the OSCE/ODIHR. Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen, Communications Director Neil Simon and Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk supported the mission.

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SERBIA

Parliamentary and Presidential Elections

6 May 2012



Matteo Mecacci talks to poll workers in Belgrade.

Serbia's parliamentary and early presidential elections on 6 May took place in an open and competitive environment but additional efforts are needed to improve the transparency of the election process and the functioning of the media, said Matteo Mecacci (Italy) in delivering the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE on 7 May.

Observers noted that voters were provided with a wide degree of choices and contestants were able to campaign freely. Most electoral stakeholders expressed a high degree of confidence in the election administration, which carried out its duties professionally. Media ownership, however, lacks transparency.

“These were open and competitive elections, thanks to the legal reforms implemented over the last few years. I'm glad to say that the citizens of Serbia are moving forward on their path to building a fully fledged democracy,” said Mecacci on behalf of the OSCE and the OSCE PA. The results of the presidential election required a run-off between the top two candidates, Boris Tadic and Tomislav Nikolic.

With more than 30 participants, the OSCE PA delegation was supported by the OSCE/ODIHR and was joined by parliamentary colleagues from the Council of Europe, led by PA Vice-President Jean-Charles Gardetto. Mecacci made two pre-election visits to Serbia, on 19-23 March and 11-12 April.

The mission was supported by Deputy Director for Field Operations Roberto Montella and Deputy Director of Administration Marc Carillet from the OSCE PA's Vienna Office.

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SERBIA

Presidential Election (Second Round)

20 May 2012

Delivering the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE at a press conference in Belgrade on 21 May, Matteo Mecacci (Italy) said that the second round of Serbia's presidential election on 20 May maintained the open, highly competitive character of the first round, but provided further indications that efforts are needed to enhance the integrity of the electoral process.

Mecacci, who served as head of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's delegation and Special Co-ordinator of the short-term OSCE observer mission, noted Serbia's substantial progress but said that challenges remain.

Observers noted that contestants enjoyed equal opportunities for campaigning, which offered voters a distinct political choice. The media provided voters with a diversity of views, although active scrutiny of the campaign was lacking.

While contestants expressed general confidence in the election process prior to voting in the first round, from 9 May the campaign centered on allegations of election fraud made by four contestants, which other parties maintained were politically motivated. The performance of institutions in addressing these claims underscored the need for a more responsive system to resolve electoral disputes, observers said.

The OSCE PA observer delegation to Serbia's second round of voting consisted of nine participants including five parliamentarians, and worked in close co-operation with the OSCE/ODIHR. The mission was supported by Deputy Director for Field Operations Roberto Montella from the OSCE PA's Vienna Office.

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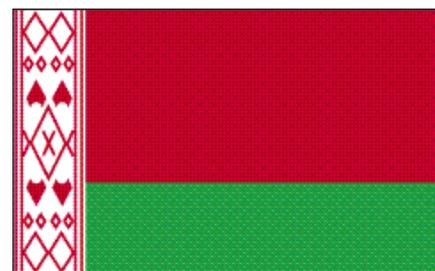
Matteo Mecacci at a polling station in Belgrade.



BELARUS

Parliamentary Elections

23 September 2012



The Belarusian 23 September parliamentary elections failed to meet OSCE commitments on citizens' democratic rights to associate, to stand as candidates and to express themselves freely, concluded the international observers from the OSCE PA and ODIHR. The elections were not administered in an impartial manner and the complaints and appeals process did not guarantee effective remedy, the observers found.

"This election was not competitive from the start," said Matteo Mecacci in delivering the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE at a press conference in Minsk on 24 September. "A free election depends on people being free to speak, organize and run for office, and we didn't see that in this campaign."

Mecacci, who was appointed Special Co-ordinator by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, led more than 60 observers from the OSCE PA, including 54 members of parliament. Two PA members, Marieluise Beck of Germany and Emanuelis Zingeris of Lithuania, were denied entry to Belarus by the authorities, who said their presence in Belarus was "unwelcome."

From the International Secretariat, the OSCE PA's election observation mission was supported by Special Representative Andreas Nothelle, Programme Director Anna Chernova, Deputy Director of Administration Marc Carillet, Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk, Programme Officer Maria Chepurina and Communications Director Neil Simon.

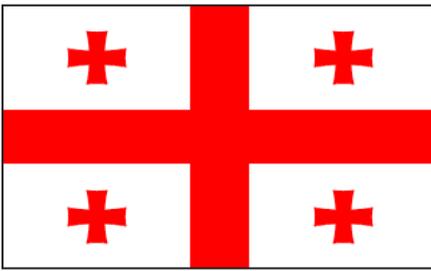


Matteo Mecacci at a polling station in Minsk.

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GEORGIA

Parliamentary Elections

1 October 2012



Tonino Picula delivers the post-election statement in Tbilisi.

Delivering the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE on 2 October, Special Co-ordinator Tonino Picula (Croatia) said that Georgia's parliamentary elections marked an important step in consolidating the conduct of democratic elections, although certain key issues remain to be addressed.

"Despite a very polarizing campaign that included harsh rhetoric and shortcomings, the Georgian people have freely expressed their will at the ballot box," said Picula. "The process has shown a healthy respect for fundamental freedoms at the heart of democratic elections, and we expect the final count will reflect the choice of the voters."

The OSCE PA's delegation consisted of more than 50 observers, including nearly 40 MPs, who deployed around the country. The election observation was a common endeavour involving the OSCE PA, the OSCE/ODIHR, the PACE, the European Parliament and the NATO PA.

The OSCE PA's delegation was supported by Secretary General Spencer Oliver, Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen, Director of Presidential Administration Roberto Montella, Communications Director Neil Simon, Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk, Senior Advisor to the Special Co-ordinator Andreas Baker, and Research Fellow Wesli Turner from the International Secretariat.

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MONTENEGRO

Parliamentary Elections

14 October 2012



Roberto Battelli inspects a voters list at a polling station in Podgorica.

Montenegro's early parliamentary elections on 14 October took place in a peaceful and pluralistic environment with respect for fundamental rights, although continued lack of confidence needs to be addressed, Special Co-ordinator Roberto Battelli (Slovenia) reported on behalf of the OSCE at a press conference in Podgorica on 15 October.

"These elections further consolidated the democratic process. Voters and polling board members have demonstrated a good understanding of their responsibilities," said Battelli. "However, during the election campaign, all participants in the process have a responsibility to focus on democratic substance in order to strengthen trust in the process

instead of undermining it."

Observers noted that electoral contestants were able to campaign freely, and that the candidate-registration process was inclusive and transparent. Interlocutors alleged the abuse of state resources and reported violations of a public sector recruitment ban during the campaign. There were also concerns over the quality of the voter lists.

The OSCE PA delegation consisted of 29 parliamentarians and staff, and worked in co-operation with the OSCE/ODIHR and a delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Battelli, who serves as OSCE PA Treasurer and Special Representative for South East Europe, led the OSCE short-term observer mission and headed the OSCE PA delegation. The mission was supported by Special Representative Andreas Nothelle, Deputy Director of Administration Marc Carillet and Research Fellow Antonia Montanus from the OSCE PA's Vienna Liaison Office.

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UKRAINE

Parliamentary Elections

28 October 2012



Walburga Habsburg Douglas at a polling station in Kyiv

Ukraine's parliamentary elections on 28 October 2012 were characterized by a tilted playing field, concluded international observers in a statement delivered by OSCE PA Vice-President Walburga Habsburg Douglas, the Special Co-ordinator who led the OSCE short-term election observation mission. This was the result, primarily, of the abuse of administrative resources, as well as a lack of transparency in campaign and party financing and of balanced media coverage.

Voters had a choice between distinct parties and candidate registration was inclusive, with two notable exceptions, representing a wide variety of political views. The political environment, however, is

dominated by powerful economic groups, to the detriment of the electoral process, the statement said.

Election day was calm overall, and the voting and counting was assessed mostly positively by the observers, but tabulation was assessed negatively, as it lacked transparency.

“Considering the abuse of power, and the excessive role of money in this election, democratic progress appears to have reversed in Ukraine,” said Habsburg Douglas (MP, Sweden), who served as Head of the OSCE PA delegation.

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Mecacci and Habsburg Douglas outside Tymoshenko's hospital in Kharkiv

Following the election observation mission, Habsburg Douglas and OSCE PA human rights committee chair Matteo Mecacci (MP, Italy) were denied access to a previously approved meeting with former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko at a hospital in Kharkiv.

Habsburg Douglas had intended to hand-deliver a copy of the post-election statement and discuss issues related to the elections. Ukrainian authorities had helped to facilitate the meeting, but the delegation was informed just before their arrival at the hospital that due to the fact Tymoshenko is on a hunger strike, the meeting could not take place.

The OSCE PA's delegation in Ukraine was supported by Programme Director Anna Chernova, Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen, Senior Counsellor Semyon Dzakhaev, Communications

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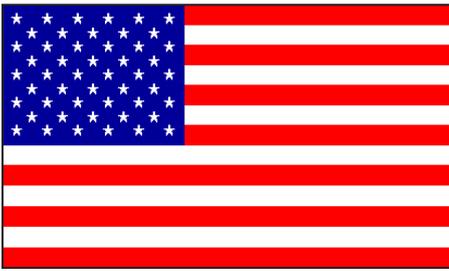
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A voter examines a ballot prior to voting.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

General Elections

6 November 2012



Soares delivers the U.S election observation statement on behalf of the OSCE.

The 6 November 2012 elections in the United States demonstrated a commitment to democracy, international observers said on 8 November at the OSCE press conference.

Joao Soares, the Special Co-ordinator who led the OSCE short-term election observation mission, delivered the official statement of the OSCE at a news conference Thursday.

The observers noted the large role money played in the campaign, and Soares called it “troubling that many political ads did not reveal the source of their funding, thereby undermining transparency and accountability in the elections.”

The OSCE PA’s election observation mission assessed the U.S. elections for their conformity with the 1990 Copenhagen Commitments, to which the United States has subscribed. The 100 observers included 73 parliamentarians from 26 countries. After thorough preparations and briefings, they observed election activities in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina,

and the District of Columbia, and were largely well received and granted open access to polling stations with only one exception.

“We were warmly welcomed at all polling stations in Philadelphia,” reported Alfred Dubs (United Kingdom). “Indeed, people there seemed positively pleased that an international team had come from Europe to observe their elections. We were impressed by the way the elections were conducted in a fair and proper manner.”

The OSCE observers lauded the professionalism of election administrators but pointed to crowded polling stations and how decentralization created vulnerabilities in the system. Following the OSCE news conference, attended by more than 80 journalists, academics and diplomats, U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin and Secretary General Spencer Oliver joined a panel of experts at Johns Hopkins University to discuss the affect the elections could have on the OSCE region.



Frank Fahrenkopf briefs the observers.

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Pennsylvania deployment team with Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams (centre)



ROMANIA

Parliamentary Elections

9 December 2012



Vice-President Wolfgang Grossruck at a polling station in Bucharest.

Romania demonstrated a pluralistic political culture and an established democratic process in the 9 December parliamentary elections, concluded observers from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in a statement issued 10 December.

“These elections were a convincing demonstration that Romania benefits from established structures for the conduct of elections,” said Wolfgang Grossruck, Head of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly limited election observation mission. “The ability to deliver democratic elections in the current highly polarized environment indicates that Romania has strong potential to overcome challenges.”

The election campaign was largely overshadowed by the power struggle between the President of Romania and the

Prime Minister, said the observers. Sharp rhetoric and reported pressure on authorities undermined confidence but did not challenge the overall conduct of democratic elections.

The PA opened its mission on 26 November. Grossruck and Special Representative Amb. Andreas Nothelle conducted a pre-electoral visit on 28 November, meeting with high-level election officials, politicians and representatives of the international community in Romania.

Amb. Nothelle served as the chief of staff for the mission, which included 17 observers with 11 parliamentarians from ten countries. Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk and Senior Advisor Andreas Baker supported the mission.

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ARMENIA

Presidential Election

18 February 2013

The 18 February Armenian presidential election demonstrated improvements over previous presidential elections but the limited field of candidates meant that the election was not genuinely competitive, concluded observers from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

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BULGARIA

Parliamentary Elections

12 May 2013

Bulgaria's parliamentary elections on 12 May were held in a competitive environment, fundamental freedoms were respected, and the election administration was well managed, OSCE PA election observers concluded. The OSCE PA delegation consisted of 27 observers from 17 countries.

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ALBANIA

Parliamentary Elections

23 June 2013



Albania's parliamentary elections on 23 June were competitive with active citizen participation throughout the campaign and genuine respect for fundamental freedoms, reported Roberto Battelli, Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observer mission. The atmosphere of mistrust between the two main political forces however tainted the electoral environment and challenged the administration of the entire electoral process, he said.

"This was a substantive election offering voters real choices at a critical time for Albania. It is now time for the country's political leaders to listen to the people's verdict," said Battelli.

"Albania is fortunate to have strong political forces that have presented alternative visions for this country, but by not appointing officials to promptly count the ballots, political parties are unnecessarily making their voters wait for the results of these elections," said João Soares, the Head of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly delegation.

Around 50 PA election experts participated in the election observation mission, including parliamentarians from 15 OSCE participating States. Battelli, a member of parliament from Slovenia, was appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as the Special Co-ordinator to lead the short-term OSCE observation mission and deliver the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE. Joao Soares, a member of parliament from Portugal and former President of the Assembly, served as Head of the PA delegation within the mission.



Roberto Battelli and Joao Soares at the post-election press conference in Tirana on 24 June.

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AZERBAIJAN

Presidential Election

9 October 2013



Michel Voisin and Tina Schoen at a polling station in Baku.



International observers meet to discuss the post-election statement.



Doris Barnett addresses a pre-election briefing on 8 October.

Some 390 OSCE observers, including 16 parliamentarians from 15 countries, observed the 9 October presidential election in Azerbaijan. The observers concluded that the election was undermined by limitations on the freedoms of expression, assembly and association that did not guarantee a level playing field for candidates. “I was pleased by the good organization of the election and the number of candidates who took part, as well as the peaceful atmosphere on election day,” said Michel Voisin, the Special Co-ordinator who led the OSCE short-term election observation mission. “Regretfully, however, we have to underline shortcomings in areas like the counting of ballots, and I would hope that the Azerbaijani authorities will make a real effort to bring such areas in line with OSCE commitments.”

OSCE PA President Ranko Krivokapic appointed Vice-President Doris Barnett from Germany to head the OSCE PA delegation, while the Chair of the OSCE PA’s First General Committee, Makis Voridis (MP, Greece), served as Deputy Head of Delegation.

The OSCE PA worked with colleagues from the OSCE/ODIHR, headed by former parliamentarian Tana de Zulueta, as well as engaging in consultations with PACE and the European Parliament.

On election day, PA observers deployed to polling stations in Baku, Gobustan, and Sumgait.

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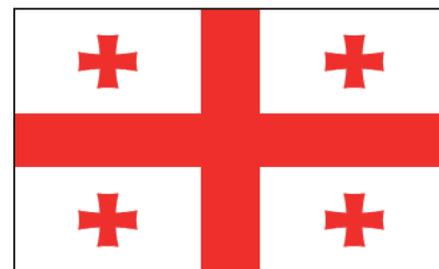
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GEORGIA

Presidential Election

27 October 2013



Ilkka Kanerva and João Soares speak to the press in Tbilisi.

In a statement delivered by Joao Soares, the Special Co-ordinator who led the short-term OSCE observer mission to the 27 October 2013 presidential election in Georgia, OSCE observers concluded that the election was efficiently administered, transparent and took place in an amicable and constructive environment. Fundamental freedoms of expression, movement and assembly were respected, and candidates were able to campaign without restriction.

Soares (MP, Portugal), a former OSCE PA President and current Special Representative on South Caucasus, led the OSCE observers during the mission. The OSCE PA delegation, led by Vice-President Ilkka Kanerva (MP, Finland), co-operated closely during the mission with the OSCE/ODIHR and parliamentarians from PACE, the European Parliament and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

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TAJIKISTAN

Presidential Election

6 November 2013

A team of 34 observers from the OSCE PA observed the 6 November 2013 presidential election in Tajikistan, concluding that restrictive candidate-registration requirements resulted in a lack of pluralism and genuine choice. The Central Commission for Elections and Referenda however took measures to enhance the transparency and efficiency of election administration. The OSCE PA observation mission was undertaken in close co-operation with the OSCE/ODIHR and with the European Parliament.

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TURKMENISTAN

Parliamentary Elections

15 December 2013

A delegation of OSCE parliamentarians assessed the quality of Turkmenistan's first multi-party parliamentary elections, held on 15 December 2013, on the basis of the 1990 Copenhagen commitments. The Assessment Visit was organized after the OSCE PA received for the first time an open invitation from Ashgabat to observe a parliamentary vote.

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SERBIA

Parliamentary Elections

16 March 2014



The 16 March 2014 early parliamentary elections in Serbia offered voters a genuine choice, were conducted on a sound legal basis, and fundamental freedoms were respected throughout the campaign, international election observers said in a statement issued on behalf of the OSCE by Roberto Battelli (MP, Slovenia), the Special Co-ordinator appointed to lead the OSCE short-term observers.



Left to right: PA Communications Director Richard Solash, ODIHR Head of Mission Boris Fric, Special Co-ordinator Roberto Battelli, PACE Head of Mission Pedro Agramunt, OSCE PA Head of Mission Luigi Compagna.

The OSCE PA observer delegation, led by Luigi Compagna (MP, Italy), included 47 parliamentarians and staff, who visited polling stations throughout the country, including extensive coverage in and around Belgrade, Novi Sad, Nis, Subotica, Stara Pazova, and many small towns and villages across the country.

The OSCE PA worked closely with the OSCE/ODIHR and parliamentary colleagues from the Council of Europe. The PA mission was staffed by Special Representative Amb. Andreas Nothelle, Director of Elections Andreas Baker, Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk and Communications Director Richard Solash.

Gordana Comic (MP, Serbia) won re-election and will continue serving as Rapporteur of the PA's General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions.

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HUNGARY

Parliamentary Elections

6 April 2014



Baroness Jennifer Hilton, Andreas Baker, and Adão Silva at a polling station on 6 April.

The 6 April 2014 parliamentary elections in Hungary were well administered and offered voters a diverse choice, but a number of factors provided undue advantage to the ruling party, OSCE observers said.

The candidate registration process was inclusive, observers found, with 18 party and joint party lists registered for the nationwide proportional system and 1,531 candidates registered for the contests in the 106 single-member constituencies. The vastly different voting procedures for two types of categories of voters abroad undermined the

principle of equal suffrage and were perceived as an attempt to differentiate voting rights on partisan grounds, according to the statement.

The Assembly worked closely with the OSCE/ODIHR Limited Election Observation Mission, led by Ambassador Audrey Glover. The PA delegation consisted of nearly 50 parliamentarians and staff including the PA's Director of Elections Andreas Baker, Deputy Director of Administration Marc Carillet, and Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk. Following two days of briefings, the PA observers monitored the vote in Budapest and several other cities across the country.

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FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Presidential & Parliamentary Elections

27 April 2014



Fundamental freedoms were respected and candidates were able to campaign freely in the 27 April 2014 elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, but shortcomings identified in the first round of the presidential election two weeks earlier, including the blurring of state and party activities and biased media coverage in favour of the ruling party, persisted, election observers said in a statement.

“Yesterday’s elections were effectively administered and election day went smoothly, but there were real problems before and, unfortunately, after the vote,” said Christine Muttonen (MP, Austria), the Special Co-ordinator who led the short-term OSCE observer mission.

The observers noted that there continued to be credible allegations of voter intimidation, including pressure by one party on ethnic Albanian voters to boycott the presidential ballot. Media monitoring during the campaign period identified a bias in favour of the ruling party and its presidential candidate in the majority of monitored media, accompanied by negative reporting on the main opposition party and its presidential candidate. The lack of analysis and independent reporting identified in the first round of the presidential election continued during the second round and the parliamentary election, the statement said.

“The media monitored were largely biased in favour of the ruling party and the incumbent presidential candidate, while reporting negatively on the campaign of the main opposition party,” said Isabel Santos, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. “All stakeholders should take a serious look at these findings, and then work together to create the conditions for a freer and impartial media environment.”

The OSCE PA’s delegation consisted of 31 MPs and staff, led by Isabel Santos (MP, Portugal), Chair of the PA’s Third Committee. From the OSCE PA’s Vienna Liaison Office, Roberto Montella, Francesco Pagani and Firuze Demir supported the mission, working closely with the OSCE/ODIHR and in co-ordination with colleagues from PACE.



Christine Muttonen and Isabel Santos at a polling station on election day.

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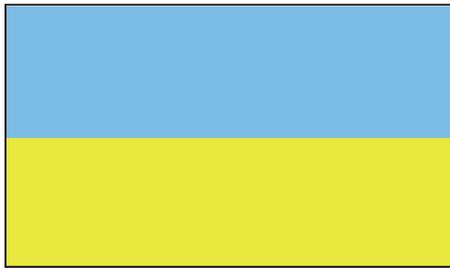
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UKRAINE

Early Presidential Election

25 May 2014



Joao Soares and Ilkka Kanerva at the post-election press conference on 26 May.

Former OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Joao Soares (MP, Portugal) and PA Vice-President Ilkka Kanerva (MP, Finland) led OSCE observers to the 25 May 2014 presidential election in Ukraine.

Soares, appointed by OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Didier Burkhalter as Special Co-ordinator of the observation mission, led more than 1,000 short-term observers while Kanerva served as the head of more than 100 OSCE parliamentary observers who were deployed throughout the country. The OSCE PA teams were deployed in Kyiv and surrounding areas, as well as Lviv, Odessa, Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk.

In addition, Soares led a team to Donetsk including Vice-Presidents Kanerva and George Tsereteli (MP, Georgia), as well as Canadian MP Chrystia Freeland, on the eve of the election. OSCE PA Secretary General Spencer Oliver and Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk accompanied the delegation to Donetsk city, which turned out to be the most difficult area for the election, where separatists prevented all polling stations from opening on 25 May.

OSCE PA Special Representative Ambassador Andreas Nothelle supported the PA's ten-member team in Lviv, which included Vice-Presidents Doris Barnett (MP, Germany) and Isabel Pozuelo (MP, Spain). PA staffer Francesco Pagani supported the ten-member team in Kharkiv, while Director of Presidential Administration Roberto Montella was in charge of the 12-member team in Odessa.

Secretary General Oliver attended the opening of a polling station in Kyiv along with Vice-President Kanerva, National Democratic Institute (NDI) Chair and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and NDI President Kenneth Wollack. Later in the day, Oliver joined the team in Dnipropetrovsk and met with oblast governor Ihor Kolomoyskyi.

All teams reported positively on election day procedures and the work of the more than 100 parliamentarians deployed in the country. PA Director of Elections Andreas Baker and Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk were responsible for the overall organization of the election observation mission and the observation teams in the Kyiv region. Communications Director Richard Solash handled press relations and chaired the joint press conference of the OSCE PA, PACE, NATO PA, European Parliament and the OSCE/ODIHR.

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Ilkka Kanerva (left) speaks to former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (right) at a polling station in Kyiv, 25 May 2014.



TURKEY

Presidential Election

10 August 2014



Meritzell Mateu Pi, Head of the PACE Delegation; OSCE Special Co-ordinator Vilija Aleknaite Abramikiene; OSCE PA Delegation Head Asa Lindestam

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Vice-President Vilija Aleknaite Abramikiene (MP, Lithuania) delivered the preliminary post election statement for the 10 August presidential election in Turkey, stating: “This first direct presidential election demonstrated that there is a vibrant political life in Turkey, and the preliminary results show the potential for a healthy balance in political forces. However, the challenges we have noted, particularly the imbalanced media coverage, must be overcome to fully live up to the democratic aspirations of the people.”

Observers concluded that candidates were able to campaign freely and that fundamental freedoms of assembly and association were respected. However, it was noted that the Prime Minister’s use of his official position, along with biased media coverage, gave him a distinct advantage over the other candidates.

“The presence of political party representatives in polling stations across the country yesterday is an important oversight mechanism,” said Asa Lindestam (MP, Sweden), Head of the OSCE PA Delegation. “I hope that citizens and NGOs will also be given the right to observe in the future, bringing Turkey’s dynamic civil society fully into the election process.”

The OSCE PA delegation consisted of 21 MPs from 15 countries. The OSCE Chairman-in-Office designated Aleknaite Abramikiene as Special Co-ordinator to lead the short-term OSCE observer mission. PA observers deployed to Ankara, Diyarbakir, Istanbul, and Izmir where they were thoroughly briefed and observed all aspects of the voting and tabulation process on election day.

The observers were supported by Andreas Baker, Director of Elections; Roberto Montella, Director for Political Programmes; Iryna Sabashuk, Operations Officer; and Firuze Demir, Research Fellow. The PA worked closely with colleagues from PACE and ODIHR. It was the second time that the OSCE PA had observed an election in Turkey, the first being the parliamentary elections of June 2011.

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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

General Elections

12 October 2014



Roberto Battelli and Marietta Tidei are interviewed outside a polling station in Sarajevo, 12 October 2014.

In a statement delivered on behalf of the OSCE at a press conference in Sarajevo on 13 October 2014, Roberto Battelli, the Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, said that the 12 October general elections were held in a competitive environment but that the interethnic divide was a key factor.

“Yesterday’s elections demonstrate that Bosnia and Herzegovina has a legal framework sufficient for conducting democratic elections,” said Battelli, who serves

as the OSCE PA’s Treasurer and Special Representative on South East Europe. “However, the lack of political will to move beyond the Dayton agreement prevents the country from moving away from the current interethnic divides and towards real progress for the country.”

The lack of a shared vision in the country’s future and of co-operation among the three constituent peoples continues to hinder the reforms necessary to fully ensure democratic elections, and a growing mistrust in the functioning of democratic institutions endangers stability, observers said. At the same time, candidates were able to campaign freely and fundamental freedoms of expression, association and assembly were respected.

Marietta Tidei, who led the OSCE PA’s delegation of 27 parliamentarians, noted that election day was generally well administered and polling commission members for the most part performed efficiently. “The new 40 per cent gender requirement was respected both in the election administration bodies and in candidate lists,” she added. “This, unfortunately, does not necessarily translate into a proportionate gender balance in the legislative bodies.”

The PA worked closely with the OSCE/ODIHR’s mission and observers from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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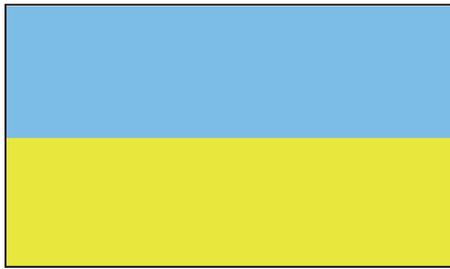
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UKRAINE

Early Parliamentary Elections

26 October 2014



Doris Barnett speaks to the media at a polling station in Kyiv on 26 October.



Kent Harstedt opens pre-election briefings in Kyiv on 24 October.

The 26 October 2014 early parliamentary elections in Ukraine marked an important step in consolidating democratic elections in line with international commitments, the observers said in a statement delivered in Kyiv by Kent Harstedt, the Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. The elections were characterized by many positive aspects, including an impartial and efficient Central Election Commission, competitive contests that offered voters real choice, and general respect for fundamental freedoms.

“At this crucial moment for the future of their country, Ukraine’s institutions and voters responded to daunting challenges with an election that largely upheld democratic commitments,” said Harstedt. “That response and, in particular, the authorities’ determination to enable voting in as many areas of the country as possible, demonstrate a resilience that will help the country overcome its national and international challenges.”

“The nearly 30 seats that will be left empty in the new parliament serve as a stark reminder that illegal armed groups prevented voters in some parts of the country from being able to vote,” said Doris Barnett, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. “These illegal actions do not call into question the validity of the overall election. We look forward to these seats being filled as soon as possible so that representatives of those areas can join their colleagues in an open dialogue to the benefit of all Ukrainians.”

In most of the country, election day proceeded calmly, with few disturbances and only isolated security incidents reported. The voting process was assessed positively in 99 per cent of the polling stations observed, although some procedural irregularities were identified. Due to the efforts of the election administration to ensure voting in as much of the east as possible under extraordinary circumstances, voting took place in 12 out of 21 election districts in the Donetsk region, and in five out of 11 in the Luhansk region.

Harstedt led some 700 short-term OSCE election observers. The OSCE PA’s delegation, headed by Barnett, included parliamentarians from 31 countries who deployed to Kyiv, Bila Tserkva, Chernigiv, Zhitomyr, Cherkasi, Kaniv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Odessa and Lviv.

The mission was supported by Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallares, Special Representative Andreas Nothelle, Director for Political Programmes Roberto Montella, Director of Elections Andreas Baker, Communications Director Richard Solash, Deputy Director of Administration Marc Carillet, and Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk.



Liv Holm Andersen (MP, Denmark) observes at a polling station in Kharkiv on 26 October.

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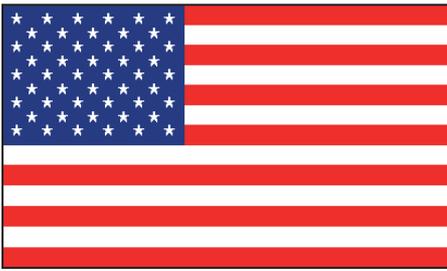
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A polling station in Kyiv.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Midterm Elections

4 November 2014



Former OSCE PA Vice-President Ben Cardin, Head of Mission Isabel Santos and Secretary General Spencer Oliver.



Head of Mission Isabel Santos (MP, Portugal) examines a sample ballot at a Washington, D.C. polling station, 4 November.



Hugues Hiltbold (MP, Switzerland) speaks with an activist outside a Washington, D.C. polling station, 4 November.

In a statement issued in Washington, D.C, OSCE PA observers noted that the 4 November 2014 elections in the United States were professionally administered but overshadowed by the increasing role of money.

“This country has once again demonstrated that its commitment to democracy is undiminished,” said Isabel Santos, leader of the OSCE PA observers. “However, the amount of money involved in campaigns has become truly staggering. With certain individuals and groups now spending millions on elections – amounts wildly beyond the capacity of average citizens – there is increasing inequality in the process.”

The OSCE PA deployed a limited election observation mission to the United States of America following an invitation by the United States Government in line with OSCE commitments. On election day, the U.S. State Department issued a statement officially welcoming the OSCE PA observers. OSCE PA observers were warmly welcomed at polling stations throughout the day and experienced good co-operation at every level. The mission, headed by Isabel Santos (MP, Portugal), included parliamentarians from 18 OSCE countries.

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Parliamentary Elections

30 November 2014



OSCE Special Co-ordinator Emin Onen and IPA Delegation Head Arta Dade speak to the media outside a Chisinau polling station.

The 30 November parliamentary elections were characterized by a wide choice of political alternatives and were generally well administered, although the deregistration of one electoral contestant shortly before election day raised questions about the timing and circumstances, international election observers said in a statement issued 1 December.

The PA delegation included 63 participants, of which 48 were MPs, from 26 countries. OSCE PA Director of Elections Andreas Baker, Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk, and Research Assistant Astrid Loury staffed the mission.

OSCE PA Vice-President Emin Onen served as Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term observer mission. Arta Dade served as Head of the OSCE PA delegation.

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TAJIKISTAN

Parliamentary Elections

1 March 2015



Marietta Tidei (left) and Geir Joergen Bekkevold speak to the media at a polling station in Dushanbe, 1 March.

Delivering the post-election statement on behalf of the OSCE at a press conference in Dushanbe on 2 March, Marietta Tidei, the Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission, noted that while some electoral contestants provided political alternatives, the 1 March parliamentary elections in Tajikistan took place in a restricted political space and failed to provide a level playing field for candidates.

“Engagement by various political forces in this campaign was, unfortunately, not enough to result in truly competitive elections. Uneven treatment by the authorities and remaining legal restrictions limited the space for debate on the real problems facing Tajikistan,” said Tidei (MP, Italy). “While we have noted some improvements, for example in the election law, the advantages of incumbency were still misused. Greater equal treatment in law and in fact for all political forces is required for Tajikistan to live up to its democratic commitments,” said Geir Joergen Bekkevold (MP, Norway), Head of the OSCE PA delegation.

On election day, 230 observers from 40 countries were deployed, including a 58-member delegation from the OSCE PA, a nine-member delegation from the European Parliament, and 163 long-term and short-term observers deployed by the OSCE/ODIHR.

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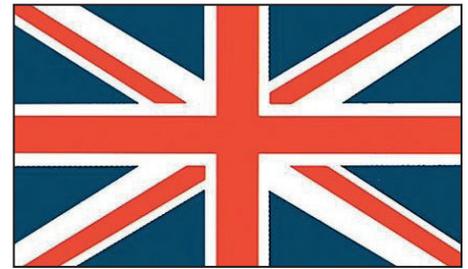
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UNITED KINGDOM

Parliamentary Elections

7 May 2015



The 7 May general elections in the United Kingdom provided an opportunity for a thorough debate on challenges facing the country, and voters could freely cast their ballots in a strong demonstration of democratic processes, concluded OSCE PA observers led by Special Co-ordinator George Tsereteli (MP, Georgia). The complex legal framework was effectively implemented by election administrators, but could benefit from consolidation and simplification, observers said.

More than 40 OSCE parliamentarians and staff from 17 countries observed the elections in the United Kingdom. Observers participated in two days of briefings in the British capital before deploying to several regions of the country to observe voting and counting. Briefings on 5-6 May included presentations by representatives from major political parties, media professionals and analysts, as well as Electoral Commission Chief Executive Peter Wardle.

The 7 May election observation mission came five years after the OSCE PA's observation of the previous general elections in the UK -- the first-ever OSCE PA election observation in the country -- in May 2010, and was co-ordinated by Director of Elections Andreas Baker. Also in the United Kingdom to support the election observation mission were Secretary General Spencer Oliver, Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk and Programme Officer Loic Poulain.



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TURKEY

Parliamentary Elections

7 June 2015



Ignacio Sanchez Amor speaks with a poll worker at a polling station in Ankara, 7 June 2015.

The 7 June parliamentary elections in Turkey were characterized by active citizen participation, with voters provided a wide array of choices, but the 10 per cent threshold to enter parliament limits political pluralism, OSCE observers concluded in a statement issued Monday. Media freedom is an area of serious concern, with media outlets and individual journalists critical of the ruling party being subject to pressure and intimidation during the campaign, the observers said.

“The elections engaged society in a vibrant and hard-fought campaign, and demonstrated that there is a real choice from among strong political forces in Turkey,” said PA Vice-President Vilija Aleknaitė Abramikienė, Special Co-ordinator and Leader of the Short-Term OSCE Observer Mission. “Remaining challenges, including on media freedoms and the high threshold for entry into the parliament, should be addressed to better reflect people’s choices.”

Unfortunately, the campaign was tainted by a high number of attacks on party offices and serious incidents of physical attacks, some resulting in fatalities. The elections were organized professionally, but greater transparency in election administration would increase trust, the statement said.

“While Turkey has a history of a generally functioning, pluralistic system, challenges related to freedom of expression and the dominant role played by the President in the campaign partially undermined fairness in this election,” said Head of the OSCE PA Delegation Ignacio Sanchez Amor, who also serves as Special Representative on OSCE Border Issues. “Turkey clearly plays a stabilizing role in a tough neighbourhood, but these security challenges cannot be a justification for backsliding on democratic commitments.”

The OSCE PA Delegation consisted of 57 participants who deployed to several regions of Turkey. The mission was supported by OSCE PA Secretary General Spencer Oliver, Director of Presidential Administration Roberto Montella, Director of Elections Andreas Baker, Communications Director Richard Solash, Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk, Programme Officer Loic Poulain, and Research Fellow Anna Di Domenico.



Vilija Aleknaitė Abramikienė (second from left) delivers the post-election statement in Ankara, 8 June 2015.

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Vilija Aleknaite Abramikiene (left) observes the counting at a polling station in Ankara, 7 June 2015.



Ignacio Sanchez Amor (right) speaks to the media at a polling station alongside Vilija Aleknaite Abramikiene, Ankara, 7 June 2015.



Closing a polling station in Ankara, 7 June 2015.



KYRGYZSTAN

Parliamentary Elections

4 October 2015



OSCE PA Delegation Head Ivana Dobesova, OSCE Special Co-ordinator Ignacio Sanchez Amor at a polling station in Bishkek, 4 Oct. 2015

Kyrgyzstan's 4 October 2015 parliamentary elections were competitive and provided voters with a wide range of choice, while the manner in which they were administered highlighted the need for better procedures and increased transparency, observers concluded in a statement issued on 5 October.

"These lively and competitive elections were unique in this region as, until 8 o'clock last night, nobody knew what the composition of the parliament would be," said Ignacio Sanchez Amor (MP, Spain), Special Co-ordinator of the

short-term OSCE observer mission. "Impressive efforts were made to implement biometric registration and new voting technologies, but procedural shortcomings point to the need for further work."

While the use of new voting technologies, signaling the political will to improve elections, was successful in many respects, the hurried introduction of biometric registration resulted in significant problems in the inclusiveness of the voter list. This, concerns over ballot secrecy and significant procedural problems during the vote count were the main issues that tarnished what was a generally smooth election day, observers said.

Ivana Dobesova (MP, Czech Republic), Head of the OSCE PA delegation, noted the positive impact of televised debates on the electoral process. "The embrace of live debates, enabling voters to clearly compare their candidates, was a welcome addition to what became a vibrant campaign," she said. "The expectation that politicians should be held accountable in front of television audiences is, for this region, a rare but healthy practice."

The OSCE PA delegation consisted of 23 MPs from 14 countries and worked closely with colleagues from the OSCE/ODIHR, PACE and the European Parliament.

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BELARUS

Presidential Election

11 October 2015



The 11 October 2015 election in Belarus indicated that the country still has much progress to make in meeting OSCE commitments, according to a post-election statement delivered by Kent Harstedt, Special Co-ordinator of the short-term OSCE observer mission, in Minsk. “It is clear that Belarus still has a long way to go towards fulfilling its democratic commitments. The recent release of political prisoners and a welcoming approach to observers were positive developments. However, the hope that this gave us for the broader electoral process was largely unfulfilled,” said Harstedt, an OSCE PA Vice-President and Member of the Swedish Parliament.

“Given worldwide conflicts today, I welcome Belarus’ recent constructive role facilitating dialogue over Ukraine. In this regard, greater international focus on this election is inevitable, and this opportunity has not been fully embraced,” said Irish Senator Jim Walsh, Head of the OSCE PA delegation.

Working closely with PACE and the OSCE/ODIHR, the OSCE PA delegation consisted of 58 parliamentarians and staff who deployed to several regions of the country for election day.



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TURKEY

Early Parliamentary Elections

1 November 2015



Ignacio Sanchez Amor speaks to the media alongside Margareta Cederfelt outside a polling station in Ankara, 1 Nov. 2015

The 1 November early parliamentary elections in Turkey offered voters a variety of choices and were well organized by the election administration bodies, reported Special Co-ordinator of the short-term OSCE observer mission Ignacio Sanchez Amor and Head of the OSCE PA delegation Margareta Cederfelt. At the same time, the security environment, particularly in the southeast of the country, coupled with a high number of violent incidents against party members, premises and campaign staff, hindered contestants' ability to campaign freely. Restrictions on media freedom remain a serious concern, the observers said.

“While Turkish citizens could choose between genuine and strong political alternatives in this highly

polarized election, the rapidly diminishing choice of media outlets, and restrictions on freedom of expression in general, impacted the process and remain serious concerns,” said Sanchez Amor. “Physical attacks on party members, as well as the significant security concerns, particularly in the southeast, further imposed restrictions on the ability to campaign.”

“The violence in the largely Kurdish southeast of the country had a significant impact on the elections, and the recent attacks and arrests of members and activists, predominantly from the HDP, are of concern, as they hindered their ability to campaign,” said Cederfelt.

The OSCE PA worked closely with observers from PACE and with the limited election observation mission deployed by the OSCE/ODIHR. More than 30 OSCE parliamentarians took part in the observation mission.

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The basic objectives of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are:

- To assess the implementation of OSCE objectives by participating States;
- To discuss subjects addressed during meetings of the Ministerial Council and the summits of Heads of State or Government;
- To develop and promote mechanisms for the prevention and resolution of conflicts;
- To support the strengthening and consolidation of democratic institutions in OSCE participating States;
- To contribute to the development of OSCE institutional structures and of relations between existing OSCE Institutions.

To pursue these objectives, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly employs a variety of means:

- A Final Declaration and a number of resolutions and recommendations are adopted each year at the Annual Session in July;
- Committee work addresses important contemporary international issues;
- Programmes and Seminars are held to develop and strengthen democracy including an extensive election observation programme;
- Special parliamentary missions deploy to areas of latent or active crisis.



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