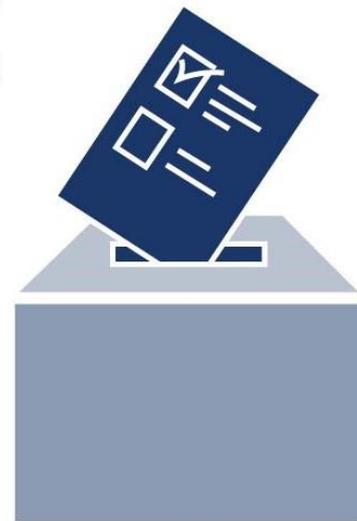




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# 2019 Election Observation Overview



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21 April 5-May	NORTH MACEDONIA	Presidential
9 June	KAZAKHSTAN	Presidential
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17 November	BELARUS	Parliamentary
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24 February	MOLDOVA	Parliamentary	TSERETELI	George	Mr.	GEORGIA
31 March	UKRAINE	Presidential	KANERVA	Ilkka	Mr.	FINLAND
21 April	UKRAINE	Presidential II	TSERETELI	George	Mr.	GEORGIA
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9 June	KAZAKHSTAN	Presidential	TSERETELI	George	Mr.	GEORGIA
21 July	UKRAINE	Parliamentary	KANERVA	Ilkka	Mr.	FINLAND
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22 December	UZBEKISTAN	Parliamentary	TSERETELI	George	Mr.	GEORGIA

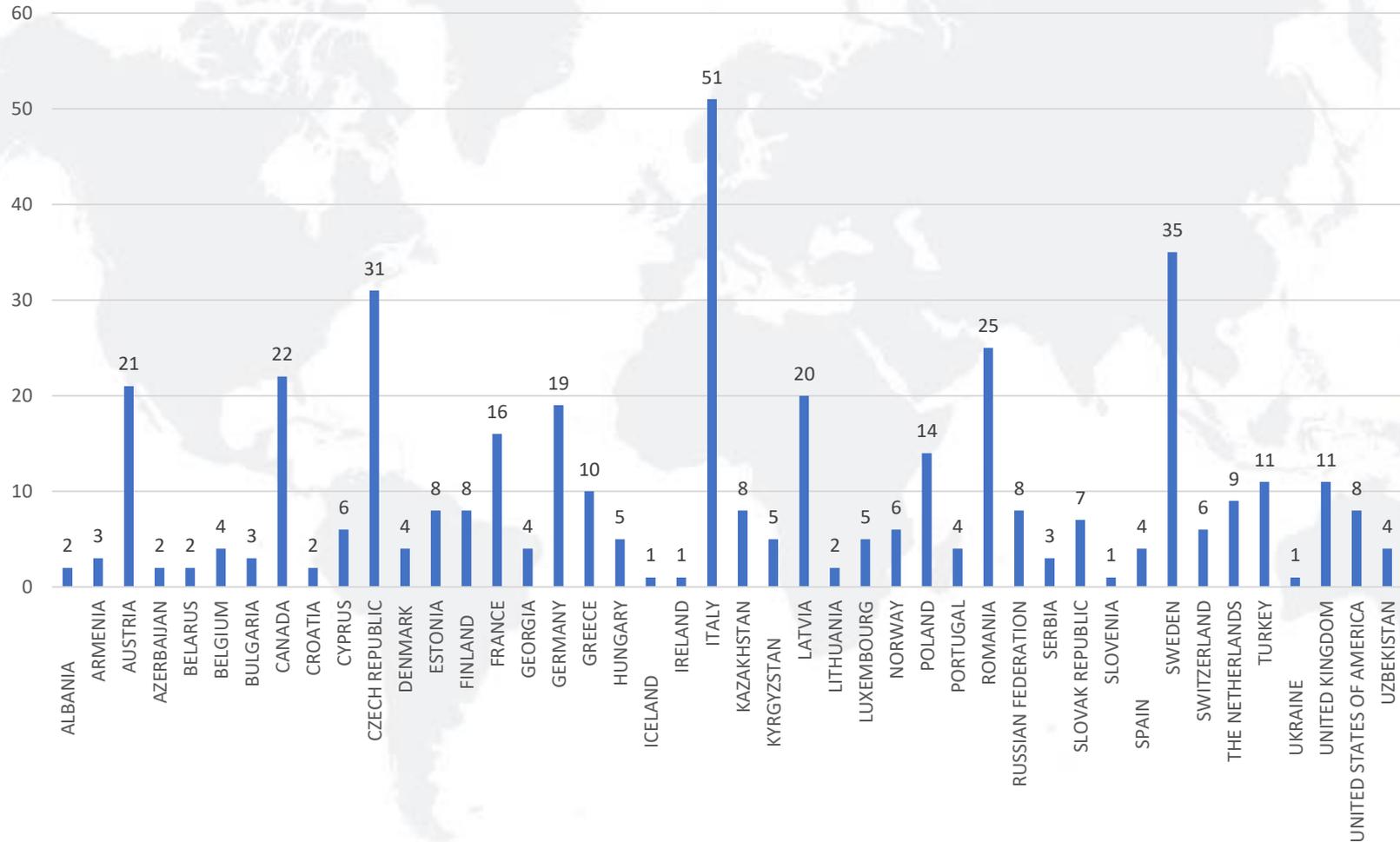
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2019	Country of Observation	Elections	Surname	Name	Mr/Ms	Country of Participant
24 February	MOLDOVA	Parliamentary	HENRIKSEN	Kari	Ms.	NORWAY
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### Heads of OSCE PA Delegation

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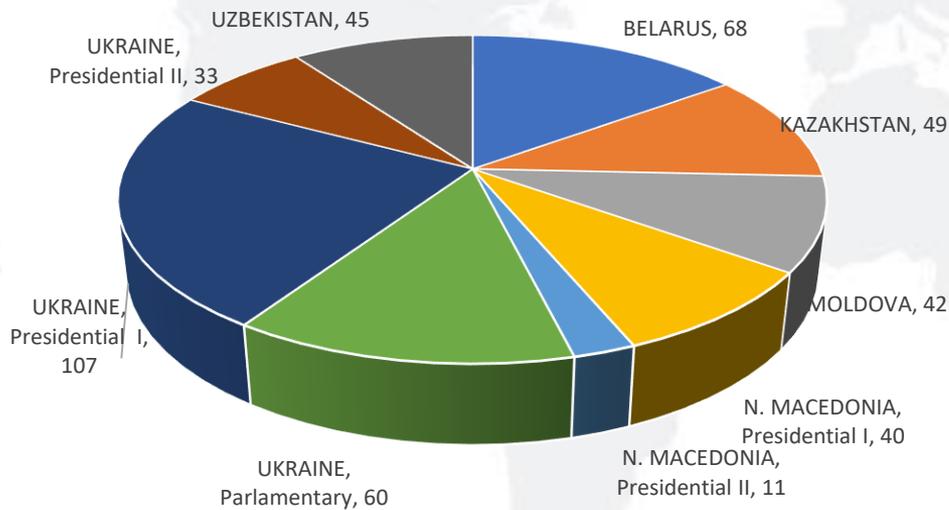
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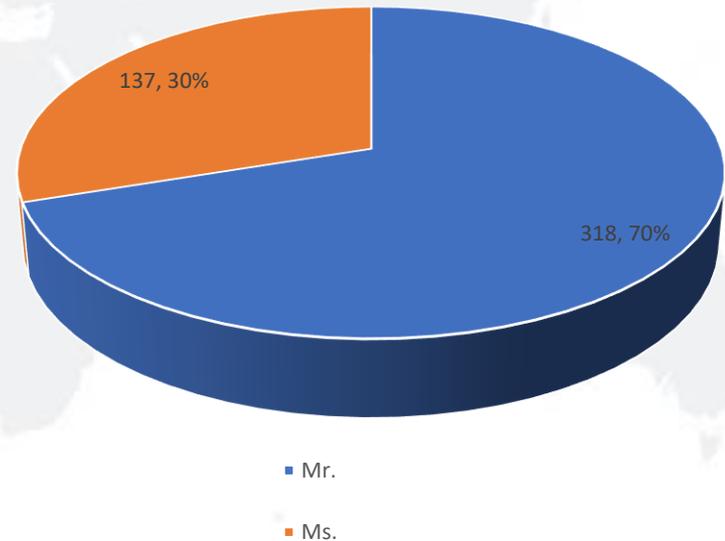
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## Observer Participation

### Mission-by-Mission



### Gender



# Election Observation 2019

## Moldova, Parliamentary Elections

### 24 February 2019

Moldova's parliamentary elections were competitive and fundamental rights were generally respected, but the campaign took place against a backdrop of disaffection with public institutions and was tainted by allegations of pressure on public employees, strong indications of vote buying and the misuse of state resources, observers concluded in a preliminary statement delivered in Chisinau.

Observers raised concerns over the control and ownership of the media by political actors but noted that most aspects of the elections were administered in a professional and transparent manner.

"This was an active, hard-fought and polarized campaign in generally well-run elections," said PA President George Tsereteli, who served as Special Co-ordinator of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "I call on my newly elected parliamentary colleagues to now deliver on promises, address the problems we identified, and meet the expectations of the people."

"The prominent role that women play in running elections was on display yesterday in polling stations across the country," said PA Vice-President Kari Henriksen, who led the 42-member OSCE PA delegation. "Considering that women are the majority of the population, political leaders must assume their responsibility to step up and effectively translate this into equal political power and representation."

Even though the legal framework generally provides an adequate basis for conducting democratic elections, these elections demonstrated that important issues remain to be addressed, including the application of provisions against the misuse of state resources, loopholes concerning the use of charities to finance campaigns, and the concentration of media ownership.

The OSCE PA worked closely with colleagues from PACE, the European Parliament, and OSCE/ODIHR.



# Election Observation 2019

## Moldova, Parliamentary Elections

### 24 February 2019

<u>Special Co-ordinator</u>			
GEORGIA	TSERETELI	George	Ms.
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AUSTRIA	GERSTNER	Peter	Mr.
AUSTRIA	UNTERRAINER	Maximilian	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	HORNIK	Jan	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	MARIKOVA	Karla	Ms.
CZECH REPUBLIC	ONDRACEK	Zdenek	Mr.
GERMANY	BAYRAM	Canan	Ms.
HUNGARY	CSENGER-ZALAN	Zsolt	Mr.
ITALY	AUGUSSORI	Luigi	Mr.
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ITALY	GRIMOLDI	Paolo	Mr.
ITALY	VATTUONE	Vito	Mr.
LUXEMBOURG	GRAAS	Gustave	Mr.
POLAND	FURGO	Grzegorz	Mr.
POLAND	SZYDLOWSKA	Bozena	Ms.
POLAND	WLOSOWICZ	Jacek	Mr.
ROMANIA	ALEXE	Costel	Mr.
ROMANIA	FENECHIU	Catalin-Daniel	Mr.
ROMANIA	MOVILA	Petru	Mr.

ROMANIA	SIBINESCU	Ionut	Mr.
SPAIN	CARRACEDO VERDE	Jose David	Mr.
SPAIN	PONS SAMPIETRO	Pere Joan	Mr.
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FRANCE	POULAIN	Loic	Mr.
ITALY	MONTELLA	Roberto	Mr.
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	IVANISHCHEVA	Anzhelika	Ms.
UKRAINE	SABASHUK	Iryna	Ms.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	PARRY	Nathaniel	Mr.

# Election Observation 2019

## Ukraine, Presidential Election

### 31 March and 21 April 2019

The presidential election in Ukraine was competitive, voters had a broad choice and turned out in large numbers. While the existing legal framework offers a sound basis for holding democratic elections, it was often not implemented in good faith by many stakeholders. This negatively impacted trust in the election administration, the enforcement of campaign finance rules, and the effective resolution of election disputes, the international observers concluded in their preliminary statement.

Fundamental freedoms were generally respected, and candidates could campaign freely, but numerous indications of vote-buying and the misuse of state resources undermined the credibility of the process. The media landscape is diverse, but campaign coverage lacked in-depth analysis and was often biased, the observers said.

"The democratic and orderly transfer of power we witnessed is a great achievement by the Ukrainian people and paves the way for renewed efforts to advance necessary reforms to address burning issues and provide good governance" said PA President George Tsereteli, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observers. "The authorities now have to seize the opportunity the citizens have offered them to provide the economic and security conditions in which to realize their aspirations."

Doris Barnett, Head of the OSCE PA delegation, said: "I am pleased that free elections are becoming the norm in Ukraine and that the people are making use of their right to vote. This election demonstrates that democracy in Ukraine has become more stable. I trust that the new political dynamics in the country can fulfill the high expectations of the voters. Now the country needs to focus on further economic development."

Barnett led a 107-member, which deployed to Kramatorsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Lviv, Odesa, and Kyiv for election day. The PA worked closely with colleagues from PACE, the European Parliament, NATO PA, and OSCE/ODIHR, and observed both rounds of the election.



# Election Observation 2019

## Ukraine, Presidential Election

### 31 March 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> round

<u>Special Co-ordinator</u>			
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AUSTRIA	LOPATKA	Reinhold	Mr.
BELARUS	STAROVOYTOVA	Anna	Ms.
BELGIUM	VAN DEN DRIESSCHE	Pol	Mr.
BULGARIA	ATANASOVA	Desislava	Ms.
CANADA	CHRISTOPHERSON	David	Mr.
CANADA	DEACON	Colin	Mr.
CANADA	EGLINSKI	William James	Mr.
CANADA	FONSECA	Peter	Mr.
CANADA	FRY	Hedy	Ms.
CANADA	MACDONALD	Michael Lewis	Mr.
CANADA	WARAWA	Addie Mark	Mr.
CANADA	WRZESNEWSKYJ	Borys	Mr.
CROATIA	PODOLNJAK	Robert	Mr.
CYPRUS	CHARALAMBIDES	Irene	Ms.
CYPRUS	HADJIYIANNI	Kyriakos	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	BAUER	Jan	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	HAJEK	Josef	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	HORNIK	Jan	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	MARIKOVA	Karla	Ms.
CZECH REPUBLIC	PLZAK	Pavel	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	VACLAVEC	Ladislav	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	ZALOUDIK	Jan	Mr.
ESTONIA	MARRANDI	Jaanus	Mr.
ESTONIA	NUTT	Mart	Mr.
ESTONIA	RAIDMA	Mati	Mr.
FRANCE	MAUBORGNE	Sereine	Ms.
FRANCE	PARIS	Didier	Mr.
GERMANY	NEUMANN	Christoph	Mr.
GERMANY	PODOLAY	Paul Viktor	Mr.
GERMANY	SCHWARZ	Andreas	Mr.
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GREECE	THELERITI	Maria	Ms.

IRELAND	FARRELL	Alan	Mr.
ITALY	AUGUSSORI	Luigi	Mr.
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POLAND	SUCHON	Miroslaw	Mr.
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PORTUGAL	SANTOS	Migel	Mr.
PORTUGAL	SANTOS	Isabel	Ms.
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ROMANIA	DUNAVA	Costel Neculai	Mr.
ROMANIA	FENECHIU	Catalin-Daniel	Mr.
ROMANIA	MOVILA	Petru	Mr.
ROMANIA	PALE	Danut	Mr.
ROMANIA	ROMASCANU	Lucian	Mr.
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SWEDEN	ODEBRINK	Carina	Ms.
SWEDEN	OMANOVIC	Jasenko	Mr.
SWEDEN	RIEDL	Edward	Mr.
SWEDEN	SALLSTROM	Sven-Olof	Mr.
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# Election Observation 2019

## Ukraine, Presidential Election

### 21 April 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> round

<u>Special Co-ordinator</u>			
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CANADA	DIOTTE	Kerry	Mr.
CANADA	FRY	Hedy	Ms.
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CANADA	MALONEY	James	Mr.
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CZECH REPUBLIC	HAJEK	Josef	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	ZACEK	Pavel	Mr.
ESTONIA	RAIDMA	Mati	Mr.
GERMANY	SCHWARZ	Andreas	Mr.
ITALY	BIANCHI	Matteo Luigi	Mr.
ITALY	GRIMOLDI	Paolo	Mr.

ITALY	PAROLI	Adriano	Mr.
LATVIA	SVECOVA	Lubova	Ms.
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SWEDEN	RIEDL	Edward	Mr.
SWEDEN	SALLSTROM	Sven-Olof	Mr.
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UNITED KINGDOM	PRITCHARD	Mark	Mr.
UNITED KINGDOM	WHITTINGDALE	John	Mr.
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# Election Observation 2019

## North Macedonia, Presidential Election 21 April and 5 May 2019

The presidential election in North Macedonia was well run and fundamental freedoms of assembly and expression were respected. Election days of both rounds were peaceful, orderly and transparent. However, wide-reaching electoral reform is still very much needed, international observers concluded.

The election observation mission was a common endeavour of the OSCE PA, OSCE/ODIHR and PACE.

“This peaceful, generally well-run election demonstrated that the political will can be found to hold democratic elections,” said Sereine Mauborgne, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. “It is now up to the political leadership to undertake real reform that will replace the legal patchwork requiring constant political agreements with a coherent and sustainable electoral law.”

“We were pleased to see a campaign that addressed substantive concerns, with candidates engaging in debate on their visions for the future of North Macedonia,” said Reinhold Lopatka, head of the OSCE PA delegation. “All three candidates clearly advocated for further European integration; whatever future the people here may choose, democratic elections will be crucial.”

While the law does allow for democratic elections, the regulatory gaps already evident on issues such as campaigning, media advertising, campaign finance and voter registration remain unaddressed. The absence of explicit campaign rules for candidates resulted in parts of the campaign being carried out on the basis of cross-party agreements that did not provide equal opportunities to all candidates.

Following the public presentation of the preliminary statement, Mauborgne, together with the Heads of PACE and ODIHR teams, met with Foreign Minister Nikola Dimitrov, to discuss the conclusions.



# Election Observation 2019

## North Macedonia, Presidential Election

### 21 April 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> round

<u>Special Co-ordinator</u>			
FRANCE	MAUBORGNE	Sereine	Ms.
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<u>Member of Delegation</u>			
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BELGIUM	TAELEMAN	Valerie	Ms.
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CYPRUS	HADJIYANNI	Kyriakos	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	MARIKOVA	Karla	Ms.
CZECH REPUBLIC	ONDRACEK	Zdenek	Ms.
CZECH REPUBLIC	PLZAK	Pavel	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	ZALOUDIK	Jan	Mr.
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ROMANIA	FENECHIU	Catalin-Daniel	Mr.
ROMANIA	ROMASCANU	Lucian	Mr.
ROMANIA	SIBINESCU	Ionut	Mr.
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SPAIN	YAGUE MARTIN	Maria Teresa	Ms.
UKRAINE	SABASHUK	Iryna	Ms.
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# Election Observation 2019

## North Macedonia, Presidential Election

### 5 May 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> round

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TURKEY	ARSLAN	Ahmet	Mr.
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TURKEY	MEYDAN	Burak	Mr.
TURKEY	ER AS	Hatice	Ms.
<u>International Secretariat</u>			
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UKRAINE	SABASHUK	Iryna	Ms.

# Election Observation 2019

## Kazakhstan, Presidential Election

### 9 June 2019

The OSCE PA election observation mission in Kazakhstan found that while there was potential for the 9 June early presidential election to become a force for political change, a lack of regard for fundamental rights, including detentions of peaceful protestors, and widespread voting irregularities on election day, showed scant respect for democratic standards.

“This election represented an important moment for Kazakhstan’s society as this was the first time that the long-serving first president was not competing. While there were seven candidates, including for the first time a woman, the election showed that there is a need for genuine democratic consolidation and significant political, social and legal reforms,” said PA President George Tsereteli (Georgia), Special Co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term observer mission.

“Electoral preparations were efficiently administered and voting generally proceeded in an orderly manner inside polling stations,” said Margareta Kiener Nellen (Switzerland), Head of the OSCE PA mission. “However, massive arrests of peaceful demonstrators in the streets, including journalists, violate the constitutionally guaranteed freedoms of assembly and expression.”

Observers found that the election law provides a technical basis for the conduct of elections but restrictions to freedoms of assembly and association, together with serious shortcomings in the legislative framework, hampered the conduct of democratic elections.

Further, while freedom of expression and information are guaranteed in the constitution, they are curtailed by the law and access to websites and social networks was frequently blocked, observers noted.

The OSCE PA deployed 49 parliamentarians and staff, who observed in Nur-Sultan and Almaty. The PA worked closely with colleagues from OSCE/ODIHR.



# Election Observation 2019

## Kazakhstan, Presidential Election

### 9 June 2019

<u>Special Co-ordinator</u>			
GEORGIA	TSERETELI	George	Mr.
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AUSTRIA	LOPATKA	Reinhold	Mr.
AUSTRIA	UNTERRAINER	Maximilian	Mr.
AZERBAIJAN	MIRKISHILI	Tahir	Mr.
CZECH REPUBLIC	PLZAK	Pavel	Mr.
GERMANY	NEUMANN	Christoph	Mr.
GERMANY	PODOLAY	Paul	Mr.
GERMANY	SCHWARZ	Andreas	Mr.
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ITALY	VATTUONE	Vito	Mr.
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LUXEMBOURG	LORSCH	Josee	Ms.
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NORWAY	MOSSLETH	Siv	Ms.

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POLAND	SUCHON	Mirosław	Mr.
POLAND	WLOSOWICZ	Jacek	Mr.
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ROMANIA	DOBRE	Victor-Paul	Mr.
ROMANIA	MOVILA	Petru	Mr.
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	TUROV	Artem	Mr.
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SWEDEN	BUSER	Johan	Mr.
SWEDEN	CEDERFELT	Margareta	Ms.
SWEDEN	OMANOVIC	Jasenko	Mr.
SWEDEN	SALLSTROM	Sven-Olof	Mr.
SWEDEN	WESTERLUND SNECKER	Linda	Ms.
TURKEY	KIRAZOGLU	Mehmet Sait	Mr.
UNITED KINGDOM	SMITH	Royston	Mr.
UNITED KINGDOM	WHITTINGDALE	John	Mr.
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CZECH REPUBLIC	ANDRISOVA	Silvia	Ms.
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# Election Observation 2019

## Ukraine, Parliamentary Elections

### 21 July 2019

Ukraine's early parliamentary elections were efficiently run and respected fundamental freedoms. The campaign was nevertheless characterised by widespread malpractice and the misuse of political finance through a complex blend of business and political interests, international observers concluded.

The election observation mission is a joint undertaking of the OSCE/ODIHR, the OSCE PA, the NATO PA, and the European Parliament.

The election was run efficiently and professionally by the electoral authorities, who overcame challenges created by legal procurement rules and deadlines. However, political parties replaced a significant number of election commission members at local level as late as EDay, undermining the stability and efficiency of their work.

Some 35.6 million people were eligible to take part in the elections. The international observers welcomed the fact that the simplified procedure for internally displaced persons to change their voting address, has now been extended to all voters across the country. However, the lack of information and voter outreach resulted in few people benefiting from this change, which is a matter of regret.

Shortfalls were also noted in the area of media freedom. While the constitution guarantees freedom of expression, the five largest private media groups have a combined audience share of more than 70%, and both their editorial policy and political agenda is determined by the economic interest of their owners.

Endemic vote buying was an issue of serious concern to the international observers and resulted in at least 125 criminal investigations. There were further investigations due to the misappropriation of one political party's name by a number of self-nominated candidates.



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## Ukraine, Parliamentary Elections

### 21 July 2019

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# Election Observation 2019

## Belarus, Parliamentary Elections

### 17 November 2019

OSCE PA Vice-President and OSCE Special Co-ordinator Margareta Cederfelt (Sweden) delivered the statement of preliminary findings and conclusions of the international election observation mission in Belarus, noting that the 17 November early parliamentary elections proceeded calmly but did not meet important international standards for democratic elections.

The observers found that there was an overall disregard for fundamental freedoms of assembly, association and expression. A high number of candidates stood for election, but an overly restrictive registration process inhibited the participation of opposition, they said, noting that a limited amount of campaigning took place within a restrictive environment that, overall, did not provide for a meaningful or competitive political contest.

“These elections have demonstrated an overall lack of respect for democratic commitments,” said Margareta Cederfelt, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term observer mission. “In a country in which the power and independence of parliament is limited and fundamental freedoms are restricted for both voters and candidates, parliamentary elections are in danger of becoming a formality.”

“Elections without freedom for debate and genuine participation, as we saw here in Belarus, are not the opportunity for the public that elections should be,” said Ditmir Bushati, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. “Political actors were simply not working on a level playing field here, resulting in what were effectively non-competitive elections.”

The 69-member delegation from the OSCE PA deployed to several areas of Belarus for election day observation, including Lahojsk, Niasviz, Stowbtsy, Baranovichi, Moguilev, Brest, Gomel, Grodna, and Viciebsk. The PA worked closely with the OSCE/ODIHR and PACE.



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### 17 November 2019

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# Election Observation 2019

## Uzbekistan, Parliamentary Elections

### 22 December 2019

The OSCE PA's first-ever election observation mission to Uzbekistan concluded that the 22 December parliamentary elections were an important milestone but that there is need for further progress. Recent changes to election legislation bring it closer to the international standards to which all OSCE countries have committed, but the legal framework related to the fundamental rights and freedoms essential for democratic elections is still overly restrictive, observers concluded.

The mission, a joint undertaking with OSCE/ODIHR, welcomed improvements to Uzbekistan's election law and greater acceptance of freedom of expression but stressed that the improvements did not offset the absence of opposition parties and a continuing lack of respect for fundamental rights.

"While an important milestone has been passed, old problematic habits – including on election day – make it clear that much work remains," said PA President George Tsereteli, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term observer mission. "The wide-scale reforms being pursued by the authorities in Uzbekistan have had a real and direct impact on these elections, but democratic development requires increased competition and respect for basic rights and freedoms."

"The unprecedented number of women who ran for office yesterday may be a sign of the changes happening in Uzbekistan," said Kari Henriksen, Head of the 45-member OSCE PA delegation. "While these elections were clearly more open than in the past, there remains a very limited range of alternatives for voters to choose from."

Tsereteli and Henriksen held a number of high-level meetings with leaders of Uzbekistan, including President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Tanzila Narbaeva, Chairperson of the Senate of Uzbekistan. The discussions featured a full exchange of views on a range of topics, including the elections and Uzbekistan's engagement with the OSCE PA.



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## Uzbekistan, Parliamentary Elections

### 22 December 2019

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# Election Observation: 27 years in action

Year	Missions #	MPs	Total Participants	Average Participants
2019	9	340	455	51
2018	8	436	479	60
2017	5	161	216	43
2016	10	334	445	45
2015	6	221	298	50
2014	9	398	522	58
2013	7	166	240	34
2012	11	392	523	48
2011	6	286	374	62
2010	10	392	511	51
2009	6	174	223	37
2008	7	313	387	55
2007	6	244	303	51
2006	7	296	380	54
2005	6	186	225	38
2004	9	313	375	42
2003	4	133	163	41
2002	3	103	118	39
2001	6	207	134	22
2000	6	131	163	27
1999	4	122	165	41
1998	10	213	269	27
1997	6	122	159	27
1996	5	118	163	33
1995	10	164	214	21
1994	4	66	85	21
1993	1	36	57	57



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