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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS STATES

CALL FOR CANDIDATURES FOR LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM OBSERVERS FOR THE ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION (EOM) TO NEPAL SCHEDULED BY 22 NOVEMBER 2007

Following the approval by Commissioner Mrs Benita Ferrero-Waldner, the European Commission wishes to announce that it intends to launch an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Nepal for the Constituent Assembly Elections scheduled to take place on 22 November 2007. The Commission wishes to announce to the Presidency and the Member States the launching of the administrative procedures in order to ensure the recruitment of the long term and short term observers.

Please note that the tentative dates indicated below are based on elections date scheduled to take place on 22 November 2007. While at this stage the election is foreseen on the scheduled date the risk of another postponement is not to be excluded. Therefore, if the elections are postponed, the selection of the observers will need to be re-launched.

The Commission wishes to begin the procedures for recruitment of:

- 34 LTOs (Long Term Observers) for duration of 7 weeks, travel included (tentative deployment dates: the earliest deployment date is 18 October to 06 December.
- 26 STOs (Short Term Observers) for duration of 15 days, travel included (tentative deployment dates: 12 till 27 November, TBC).

In order to ensure the recruitment of the observers and to respect the tentative dates of the deployment plan considered, the European Commission invites the Member States to submit its candidates via the ROSTER at the latest **by 10 September, 2007 midnight**:

- 3 candidates for the position of Long Term Observer (LTO) – not more than 3
- 2 candidates for the position of Short Term Observers (STO) – not more than 2

Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills: High proficiency in English for this mission.**
- **Previous experience in South Asia is an asset**
- Previous electoral observation experience with the EU (possibly OSCE/ODIHR): minimum 4 observation missions for LTOs including two EU EOM LTO missions; minimum 3 observation missions for STOs including two EU EOM STO missions

- **Excellent physical conditions and good health** which can afford hardship environment in rural areas with basic hygiene and accommodation.
- **Computer literate:** (Microsoft office access, excel, word, acrobat writer...) and Internet, Sat phone, HF, VHF, GPS....
- **All observers must have a medical check up (electrocardiogram is compulsory)**. The Implementing Partner (IP) will require to all the observers prior to their deployment to Nepal a **medical certificate for good health (show no diabetes) with the result of the electrocardiogram**.
- **All the observers must have received vaccine against: Polio and Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B.**

Malaria prophylaxis: Recommended for residence in the Terai where a majority of observers will be deployed.

- **Observers must be available and flexible with regards to the date of deployment as the electoral calendar has not yet been fixed.**

The Commission will proceed to the selection of the observers on the basis of criterion established in the Council Decision “**EU Guides for the Selection of the electoral observers**” **Council Decision 8728/99 - PESC 165 - COHOM 4** and will inform the Member States of the final list of the selected observers.

The Commission will use for the Mission the data already exist in the ROSTER system: http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/observer/index_en.htm.

The candidatures sent by email will not be taken into account.

The Commission invites the Member States to only propose candidates:

- a) Certified of their full availability to be committed for the entire period of the mission in Nepal;
- b) We would also like to request the Member States to inform pre-selected observers to update their personal data in the ROSTER before the submission of their candidatures, and to request them to update beforehand any vaccinations and treatments necessary for the requirements.
- c) To inform the observers to follow respectfully the instructions on the code of conduct and on safety; to be given at the time of the briefing. The observers should also be informed by the Member States of the security instructions as published on the Web sites of the Ministries and Embassies.

Signé

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