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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 RWANDA  
SCHEDULED FOR 15 SEPTEMBER 2008**

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 Rwanda for the Legislative Elections scheduled to take place on 15 September 2008. 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.

The Commission wishes to begin the procedures for recruitment of:

- 16 LTOs (Long Term Observers) for duration of 60 days, travel included (deployment dates: **28 July till 25 September**)
- 44 STOs (Short Term Observers) for duration of 12 days, travel included (deployment dates: **10 till 22 September**).

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 06 July 2008 midnight**:

- 3 candidates for the position of Long Term Observer (LTO)
- 5 candidates for the position of Short Term Observers (STO)

**Candidate Profile:**

- **Language skills: High proficiency in both French and English for this mission.**
- **Previous experience in Sub-Saharan Africa/Great Lakes area is an asset.**
- Previous electoral observation experience and/or other relevant experience including electoral training.

LTOs: minimum two (2) observation missions including one (1) EU EOM missions;

STOs: minimum one (1) observation mission or relevant electoral training (preferably by NEEDS)

- Demonstrated commitment to democracy and human rights.
- **Computer literate**: (Microsoft office access, excel, word, acrobat writer...) and Internet, Sat phone, HF, VHF, GPS.

- **Excellent physical conditions and good health** which can afford hardship environment in rural areas with basic hygiene and accommodation.
- **All the observers must have received vaccine against: Yellow Fever, Meningitis, Rabies, Polio and Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B, Diphtheria and Typhoid (not reimbursed).** (not reimbursed).  
**Malaria prophylaxis (Malarone):** Mandatory and to be provided by IP after contracting process terminated.
- **Observers must be available and flexible in the event of changes that might occur.**

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](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;
- 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.

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