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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 THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN EL  
SALVADOR FORESEEN FOR 18 JANUARY 2009 AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS FORESEEN FOR 15  
MARCH 2009 (POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND ROUND 19/04/09)**

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 El Salvador, the Commission wishes to announce the launching of the selection of the Core team for a possible EOM to El Salvador for the Legislative Elections, scheduled to take place on 18 January 2009 and the Presidential Elections scheduled to take place on 15 March 2009 with a high possibility for a second round on 19 April 2009. Please note that these positions will be confirmed only if the Commissioner takes a positive political decision to deploy.

The Commission wishes to begin the procedures for recruitment of:

- 22 LTOs (Long Term Observers) for duration of 36 days and 71 days, indicative deployment dates:

Legislative: **18 December till 22 January 2009** – 36 days travel included

Presidential: **14 February till 21 March** (25 April in case of second round) – 71 days travel included

**Highest priority will be given to those LTOs that are available for both elections.**

- 40 STOs (Short Term Observers) for the Presidential Elections only for duration of 11 days and 11 days (in case of second round), travel included. Indicative deployment dates:

Legislative: **NO STOs will be deployed**

Presidential: **09 March till 19 March 2009 and 13 April till 23 April 2009** (in case of second round)

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

### **Legislative Elections: 01 December 08**

- 3 candidates for the position of Long Term Observer (LTO)

### **Parliamentary Elections: 09 January 09:**

- 3 candidates for the position of Long Term Observer (LTO) – preferably same ones as in Legislative elections
- 4 candidates for the position of Short Term Observers (STO)

### **Candidate Profile:**

- **Language skills:**

- **English and Spanish** : High proficiency in both languages for this mission.

- Previous working experience in Central America would be a prerequisite (especially for the LTOs).
- Previous electoral observation experience and/or other relevant experience including electoral training.

LTOs: minimum 2 observation missions including 1 EU EOM missions;

STOs: minimum 1 observation mission; relevant electoral training.

- **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.
- **It is expected that all the observers have received vaccine against**: Cholera, Adult diphtheria, Tetanus, Hepatitis A and B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Typhoid, Varicella, Meningitis and Tuberculosis (not reimbursed).
- **Malaria prophylaxis**: Malaria prophylaxis (Malarone): Mandatory; prophylaxis treatment will be provided by IOM after contracting process terminated.
- **Dengue**: High risk zone in El Salvador.
- **Yellow Fever vaccination**: Mandatory for individuals coming from endemic countries and proof will be required by the authorities while getting the visa and before entering the country (not reimbursable).
- **Living conditions**: Observers should be willing to accept harsh living conditions when deployed in El Salvador. Shortage of running water and electricity can be expected inside and outside capital city.
- **Full flexibility** is required from the candidates in terms of mission timetable 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:  
<https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/applications/eomsec/index.cfm?lang=en>

**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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