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### NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS STATES

#### CALL FOR CANDIDATURES FOR LONG TERM OBSERVERS FOR THE ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION (EOM) TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN BOLIVIA FORESEEN FOR 25 JANUARY 2009

Without prejudging the political decision of the Commissioner for External Relations on the possible deployment of an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Bolivia, the Commission wishes to announce to the Presidency and the Member States, the launching of the administrative procedures for the recruitment of long term observers for a possible EOM to the Constitutional Referendum in Bolivia, scheduled to take place on 25 January 2009. Please note that these positions will be confirmed only if the Commissioner for External Relations 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 32 days, travel included (indicative deployment dates: **03 – 31 January 2009**)

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 December 2008 – 11h00.**

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

#### Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills:**

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

- Previous working experience in Latin America would be a prerequisite
- Previous electoral observation experience and/or other relevant experience including electoral training.

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

- **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. La Paz and other deployment areas are situated at an extreme altitude (3000m and above) hence might pose serious danger/difficulties to observers with respiratory, circulation or heart problems.

- **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 IP after contracting process terminated. Necessary only for observers deployed in the lower lands.
- **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 Bolivia. 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.

*signed*

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