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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 KENYA

After the political decision of the Commissioner for External Relations on the deployment of an Election Observation Mission (EUEOM) to Kenya for the General Elections due to take place by end December, 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 the assumption that the elections will take place between mid and end December.

The Commission wishes to begin the procedures for recruitment of:

- 36 LTOs (Long Term Observers): deployment tentatively foreseen from mid November onwards until approximately two weeks after Election Day.
- 90 STOs (Short Term Observers): deployment foreseen for a period of around 12 days over the Election Day period.

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 30 October 2007 23:00:**

- a total of 4 candidates for the position of Long Term Observer (LTO)
- a total of 7 candidates for the position of Short Term Observers (STO)

Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills: High proficiency in English for this mission.**
- **Previous experience in Africa is an asset**
- Previous electoral observation experience with the EU:
LTOs: minimum two (2) observation missions including one (1) EU EOM missions;
STOs: minimum one (1) observation mission.
- **Computer literate:** (Microsoft office access, excel, word, acrobat writer, etc.) and Internet, Sat phone, HF, VHF, GPS, etc.
- **Excellent physical conditions and good health** which can afford hardship environment in rural areas with basic hygiene and accommodation.

IOM¹ Vaccination recommendations for Kenya:

- Polio/Diphtheria/Tetanus - valid 10 years
- Hep. A & B - valid at least 15 years
- Typhoid - valid 3 years
- Rabies - valid 2 - 3 years
- Yellow fever – valid 10 years
- All observers are required to have all of the above vaccinations and must provide IOM with proof of vaccination before departure

IOM advise regarding Malaria for Kenya:

- Exists throughout the year in the whole country. There is none in Nairobi or in the highlands (above 2500m)
- Malaria oral prophylaxis treatment will be provided by IOM to be used as Stand-by Treatment. Recommended prophylaxis is *mefloquin* (Lariam) - an alternative is *Doxycycline* or *Malarone* respecting their contraindications.
- **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 criteria 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 selection of observers the Roster system: http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/observer/index_en.htm.

Candidatures sent by e-mail will not be taken into account.

The Commission invites the Member States to only propose candidates that are:

- a) Committed for the entire period of the mission in Kenya.

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 to fulfil the requirements.
- to inform the observers to sign and 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 Member States' Ministries and Embassies.

signed

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¹ The International Office for Migration has been selected as the implementing partner for the EUEOM to Kenya