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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 ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN ECUADOR ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2008 (TENTATIVE DATE)

Without prejudging the political decision of the Commissioner for External Relations on the possible deployment of an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Ecuador, the Commission wishes to announce to the Member States the launching of the administrative procedures in order to ensure the timely recruitment of the Long Term Observers (LTO) in case of a positive decision on deploying a mission.

The Commission wishes to begin the procedures for recruitment of LTOOBS for a tentative duration of max **20 days**, travel included (tentative dates: Departure +/- 17 September and latest return by 7 October.

In order to ensure the timely recruitment of the observers in case of a positive political decision and to respect the tentative dates of the deployment plan considered, the European Commission invites Member States to submit candidates via the ROSTER at the latest **by August 14, 2008 midnight:**

- 2 candidates for the LTO positions

Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills:** proficiency in spoken and written **Spanish and English**.
- Previous experience in Latin America is an asset.
- Previous electoral observation experience and/or training required.
- **Computer literate:** (Microsoft office access, excel, word, acrobat writer...) 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. The EU EOM will be implemented in the rainy season hence the living conditions in the country are very difficult.
- **It is strongly recommended that all observers have received vaccine against:** Adult Diphtheria, Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Typhoid, Varicella, Meningitis and Tuberculosis.

- **Malaria prophylaxis (Malarone): Mandatory and to be provided by IP after contracting process terminated.**
- **Full flexibility** is required from the candidates.

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 existing 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 Ecuador.
- 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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