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**NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBER STATES**

**CALL FOR CANDIDATURES FOR LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM OBSERVERS  
FOR THE ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION (EOM) TO THE PRESIDENTIAL AND  
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN SIERRA LEONE  
ON 11 AUGUST 2007**

After the political decision of the Commissioner for External Relations on the deployment of an Election Observation Mission (EUEOM) to Sierra Leone for the Presidential and Parliamentary elections, scheduled to take place on 11 August 2007, 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 for the deployment plan and the number of positions for long and short term as indicated below are based on elections date scheduled to take place on 11 August 2007. A possible second round will presumably be conducted by mid September which, however, can only be confirmed after announcement of the results of the first round.

The Commission wishes to begin the procedures for recruitment of:

- 28 LTOs (Long Term Observers) for duration of 9 weeks, travel included (tentative dates: Arrival 15 July and latest return by 16 September (in the event of a second round).
- 42 STOs (Short Term Observers) for duration of 13 days, travel included (tentative dates: Arrival on 06 August and departure by 16 August - for the first round)
- 36 STOs (Short Term Observers) for duration of 13 days, travel included for the possible second round of the Presidential election (tentative dates: Arrival on 03 September and departure by 13 September). Ideally the STOs selected for the first round should also be available for the 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 **by June 28, 2007 midnight:**

- 3 candidates for the position of Long Term Observer (LTO) – not more than 3, necessarily available for the two possible rounds
- 5 candidates for the position of Short Term Observers (STO) – not more than 5, if possible available for the two possible rounds

## Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills:** High proficiency in spoken and written English.
- Previous experience in Africa 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 in terms of mission timetable as the possibility of a second round will be only confirmed after announcement of the results of the first round.

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](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 entirety period of the mission in Sierra Leone. LTOs have to commit for the two possible rounds, for the STOs it would be an asset to remain available for a second round.
- 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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