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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 BANGLADESH
SCHEDULED FOR 18 DECEMBER 2008**

Without prejudging the political decision of the European Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy on the POSSIBLE deployment of an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Bangladesh, the Commission wishes to announce the launching of the selection of the Core team for a possible EOM to Bangladesh for the Parliamentary Elections, scheduled to take place on 18 December. 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:

- 12 LTOs (Long Term Observers) for duration of 51 days, travel included (indicative deployment dates: **13 November till 02 January 2009**)
- 34 LTOs (Long Term Observers) for duration of 44 days, travel included (indicative deployment dates: **20 November till 02 January 2009**)
- 80 STOs (Short Term Observers) for duration of 11 days, travel included (indicative deployment dates: **12 December till 22 December 2008**).

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 03 November 2008 – 11h00**.

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

Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills:**

- **English**: High proficiency in English for this mission.

- Previous working experience in South Asia 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:** Polio, Diphtheria and Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid (not reimbursed).
- **Japanese Encephalitis:** all observers staying longer than one month and in rural areas (LTOs) should be vaccinated against Japanese Encephalitis (not reimbursed).
- **Malaria prophylaxis:** Malaria prophylaxis (Malarone): Mandatory; prophylaxis treatment will be provided by IOM after contracting process terminated.
- **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 reimbursed).
- **Living conditions:** Observers should be willing to accept harsh living conditions when deployed in Bangladesh. 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. A final decision on the deployment dates will be taken only after publication of the Bangladesh electoral calendar, scheduled to take place beginning November.

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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