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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 ANGOLA 2008**

Without prejudging the political decision of the Commissioner for External Relations on the possible deployment of an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Angola, the Commission wishes to announce to the Presidency and the Member States, the launching of the administrative procedures for the recruitment of long term and short term observers for a possible EOM to Angola for the Legislative elections, scheduled to take place on 5 September 2008. This recruitment will be confirmed following the political decision of the Commissioner for External Relations to deploy an EU EOM.

The Commission wishes to open the procedures for recruitment of:

- 40 LTOs (Long Term Observers) for a tentative assignment of 48 days, travel included (tentative deployment dates: **1 August 2008 to 17 September 2008**)
- 40 STOs (Short Term Observers) for a tentative assignment of 18 days, travel included (tentative deployment dates: **26 August 2008 to 12 September 2008**).

In order to ensure the recruitment of the observers and to respect the tentative dates of the foreseen deployment plan, the European Commission invites the Member States to submit its candidates via the ROSTER at the latest **by 30 June 2008 at midnight:**

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

Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills: High proficiency in both Portuguese and English for this mission.**
- **Previous experience in a Africa (particularly central or southern Africa) and/or previous experience in a portuguese speaking country is an asset.**
- **Excellent physical conditions and good health** which can afford hardship environment in rural areas with basic hygiene and accommodation.
- Demonstrated commitment to democracy and human rights.
- Previous electoral observation experience and/or other relevant experience including electoral training.

LTOs: minimum two (2) observation missions including one (1) EU EOM missions;

STOs: minimum one (1) observation mission or relevant electoral training (preferably by NEEDS)

- **Computer literate**: (Microsoft office access, excel, word, acrobat writer...) and Internet, Sat phone, HF, VHF, GPS.
- **Yellow Fever vaccination is MANDATORY** and proof will be required by the authorities while getting the visa and before entering the country.
- **Vaccination against the following is recommended**: Cholera, Adult diphtheria, Tetanus, Hepatitis A and B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Typhoid, Varicella, Meningitis and Tuberculosis. More detailed health advice and requirements will be communicated by the Implementing Partner at a later stage. Observers should also consult their own government's health travel advisories.
- **Malaria prophylaxis (Malarone)**: Mandatory and to be provided by IP after contracting process terminated.
- Observers must be available and flexible in the event of changes that might occur.

The Commission will proceed with the selection of the observers in the framework of the criteria outlined in the European Union 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: 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;
- 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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