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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 THE LOCAL, PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN GUATEMALA ON 9 SEPTEMBER AND 4 NOVEMBER 2007

Under reservation of a final decision by the Commission to deploy an Election Observation Mission (EUEOM) to Guatemala for the Presidential, Legislative and Municipal elections, scheduled to take place on 9 September 2007 with the possibility of a second round for the Presidential on the 4 November, 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.

The Commission wishes to begin the procedures for recruitment of:

- **48 LTOs** (Long Term Observers). Tentative dates of deployment: 5 of August to the 15 of September for the first round **and** from the 25 of October to the 20 of November. Long Term **Observers should be available for both rounds**. Among the 48 LTOs, 12 of them could probably be asked to remain in the country in between the two rounds depending on the results of the 1st round.

- **50 STOs** (Short Term Observers). Tentative dates of deployment: 4 to the 14 of September **and** from the 27 of October to the 09 of November. **Observers should ideally be available for both rounds**.

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) – available for the two possible rounds

- 5 candidates for the position of Short Term Observers (STO) –available for the two possible rounds. In alternative Member States are kindly requested to propose observers to replace them.

Candidate Profile:

- **Language skills:** Excellent knowledge of English, working language of the Mission. High proficiency in spoken Spanish strongly recommended.
- Previous experience **in the region** is an asset.
- Previous electoral observation experience and/or training required for LTO positions

- Previous experience in EU EOM in **difficult security conditions** as an asset. Observers will have to follow strictly security instructions from the Core team.
- **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 raining season conditions.

Health conditions and recommendations:

It is strongly recommended that all observers have received vaccine against: measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A and B., typhoid, tetanus-diphtheria, and polio. Yellow fever is obligatory for observers arriving from a yellow fever-infected country.

Although only rural areas below altitude 1500 m are at risk for malaria, final destination of the observers can only be decided on arrival. Therefore malaria prophylaxis with chloroquine is highly advisable for all selected observers.

Dengue is widespread in the country. Observers should apply insect bite protection (insect repellent containing DEET). Furthermore, observers should bring adequate supplies of their specific medications and consult their own government's health travel advisories.

The Commission will proceed with 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:

- Certified of their full availability to be committed for entirety period of the mission in Guatemala. LTOs have to commit for the two possible rounds, for the STOs it would be an asset to remain available for a second round.
- 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.
- 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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