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**ENEMO Election Observation Mission for the Presidential Elections of 30 October 2016 in
 Moldova deployed**

Chisinau, 18 October 2016 - The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) has deployed an Election Observation Mission (EOM) to monitor the Presidential Elections, scheduled for 30 October 2016, in the Republic of Moldova. ENEMO has a long standing experience in observing elections in countries with democracies in transition in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the present being the 23rd election observation mission organized.

The mission's aim is to contribute toward improved integrity and transparency of the electoral process for the President of the Republic of Moldova. To achieve this aim, the EOM will observe, assess, report, and provide recommendations on some crucial aspects of the process, such as, conduct of election administration bodies; legal framework, with emphasis on gender equity and respect for the rights of people living with disabilities; handling of complaints and appeals by both election administration bodies and courts; as well as the overall political environment in which elections will take place.

The EOM will assess the election process in light of compliance with international standards for democratic elections, national legislative framework, and OSCE commitments. Besides direct observation and analysis of the legal framework, the observers will meet with relevant stakeholders, including election administration officials, civil society representatives, presidential candidates, political parties, officials of relevant state institutions that play a role in the electoral process, and media representatives, to receive a more comprehensive picture about the electoral process. All activities will be carried out in compliance with the best practices and standards for international observation of elections, which the Network endorses.

The EOM is composed of a core team of six experts based in Chisinau, which was deployed in Moldova on 10 October 2016. Additionally, ten teams of short-term observers (STOs) will be deployed in different areas of the country for Election Day to observe the opening of the polling stations, voting process, counting and tabulation of results. STOs will be deployed in teams of two observers each, following a plan prepared by the EOM. The mission will also follow the eventual runoff elections, scheduled for 13 November 2016, and depart the country at the beginning of December 2016.

The findings of the observation will be announced to the public and relevant stakeholders through an interim report, to be published shortly before Election Day, a preliminary statement two days after Election Day, and the Final Report, to be published within 60 days from Election Day, or the date of eventual runoff elections. All reports produced during the mission shall be in full compliance with the international standards for election monitoring and shall be based on facts and evidence as observed by the EOM.

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ENEMO seeks to promote civil society organizations' involvement in societies with democracies in transition and other non-democratic forms of governing, towards improvement of electoral processes, greater transparency of the governments and their accountability to the citizens, and respect of basic human rights and freedoms. To achieve this aim, ENEMO works independently or in cooperation with its member organizations.

The main activity of ENEMO consists in assessing electoral processes and the political environment by deploying international election observation missions, and offering accurate and impartial observation reports. ENEMO's observation missions use international benchmarks and standards for democratic elections and the host country's legal framework to evaluate the electoral process. ENEMO and all of its member organizations have endorsed the 2005 Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the 2012 Declaration of Global Principles for Non-Partisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations. Each ENEMO observer signs and abides to the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers.

The Election Observation Mission for the Presidential Elections of 30 October 2016 to Moldova is the 23rd mission organized by ENEMO.

ⁱ ENEMO member organizations are: Center for Civic Initiatives - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Center for Democratic Transition – Montenegro, Center for Free Elections and Democracy – Serbia, Center for Monitoring and Research CeMI – Montenegro, Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society – Kyrgyzstan, Committee of Ukrainian Voters - Ukraine; Election Monitoring Center – Azerbaijan, GONG – Croatia, ISFED – Georgia, It's your choice – Armenia, Citizens Association MOST – Macedonia, Pro-Democracy Association – Romania, Republican Network of Independent Monitors – Kazakhstan, Golos – Russia, , ObcianskeOko – Slovakia, Belarusian Helsinki Committee - Belarus, Society for Democratic Culture – Albania, Promo LEX – Moldova, KRIIK Albania Association, Human Rights Centre "Viasna" – Belarus, Foundation for Support of Civic Initiatives – Kazakhstan; Kosovo Democratic Institute – Kosovo, OPORA – Ukraine.