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EUROPEAN CIVIC OBSERVERS AGAIN IN UKRAINE

Today, on the 25th of February, 42 long-tem observers of the International Observation Mission of the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) started their observation in all regions of Ukraine. Over the next five weeks, observers will follow the ongoing election campaign, the work of election officials, and other processes connected to the 2006 Ukrainian Parliamentary Elections.

On March 26, ENEMO will deploy at least 388 observers to monitor the vote and vote counting procedures.

The Observation Mission is coordinated by a central office in Kyiv which has been operating since the beginning of February.

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ENEMO GENERAL INFORMATION

ENEMO – European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations – is a group of 18 leading civic organizations from 16 countries of Eastern and Central Europe and Central Asia. ENEMO member organizations have monitored more then 140 national elections and trained more then 180 000 observers.

ENEMO seeks to support the international community's interest in and support for democracy in the OSCE region, to assess electoral conditions and the political environment, and to offer accurate and impartial observation reports. ENEMO international observation missions evaluate the electoral process using international standards for democratic and fair elections (1990 Copenhagen Document) and benchmarks in the assessed country's legislation and constitution. Opinion of the international community about election process in the countries where ENEMO is being deployed, is largely based on ENEMO's statements and findings.

On October 27, 2005, ENEMO together with 20 other leading intergovernmental and international organizations endorsed a set of Principles for International Election Observation at the United Nations. Other signatories included the OSCE, European Commission, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the UN Election Assistance Mission and other international organizations.

During the 2004 Presidential Elections in Ukraine, ENEMO was one of the largest among the international election monitoring missions. It deployed 50 long-term observers and twice 1000 short-term observers and monitored the election process during all three rounds of the elections in all regions of Ukraine.