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“ENEMO was accredited by the CEC to observe the May 25 Early Presidential Election in Ukraine”

The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) is in the final stage of preparations for monitoring the May 25, 2014, early presidential election in Ukraine. Twenty four teams composed of two long-term observers were deployed in various oblasts (regions) in Ukraine since 8th of May. For the election-day observation another 300 short-terms observers were accredited by the Central Electoral Commission and will be deployed countrywide.

Mr. Peter Novotny, Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine 2014 has stated: **“ENEMO’s long-term observers have been in the oblasts of Ukraine observing the pre-election period, the work of the election administration and campaign activities. Our short-term observers will focus on election day and the voting, the counting of ballots and the tabulation of results. This will allow us to obtain a clear picture and to assess the process as a whole.”**

ENEMO operates in full compliances with international standards for election observation. **Objectivity, impartiality and trustworthiness** of the information collected by its observers are the top priorities of the network. All ENEMO observers have signed the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers.

“Our mission is to assess the election process for compliance with domestic as well as international standards for democratic elections. That’s why we are working closely with domestic and international observation missions whose observation methodology meets international standards. Additionally, we will meet with different relevant stakeholders, civil society and media representatives, etc. At the end, all our conclusions communicated to the public will be based on the evidence”- added Mr. Novotny.

The day after the elections, ENEMO will issue a statement of preliminary findings and no later than two months after the process is completed ENEMO will publish a final report on the observation of the entire electoral process.

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