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**ENEMO International Observation Mission in Ukraine Announces Plans for Repeat Elections of the People's Deputies of Ukraine in five Single-Mandate Constituencies on December 15, 2013**

Kyiv, November 27, 2013. At today's press conference, held in UNIAN news agency, the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) officially announced the start of its international observation mission for the Repeat Elections of the People's Deputies of Ukraine in five Single-Mandate Constituencies on December 15, 2013. Ms. Maja Milikic, Deputy Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine stated: **"We started our work in Ukraine on November 10, 2013 with arrival of the Core Team. The mission is composed of three core team members and seven long-term observers who will cover all five single-mandate constituencies. Our observers arrived in Kyiv on November 20, 2013 and were deployed to their districts two days later. They were especially briefed and trained on particularities of the political environment and specifics of the elections legislation. Additionally, ENEMO will deploy 22 short-term observers on Election Day"**.

ENEMO operates in full compliance with international standards for election observation. Ms. Dinara Oshurahunova, Head of the Mission, stated: **"ENEMO endorsed the 2005 Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation. All ENEMO member organizations endorsed the 2012 Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations. All ENEMO observers have signed the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers."**

At this stage, the focus of the observation is on political developments in the five single-mandate districts, work of the election administration, activities of political parties and candidates, work of the local and regional administration, specifics of the election campaign, media environment, work of NGOs and local non-partisan observers, assessment of voter education activities and monitoring of official complaints and appeals. ENEMO's top priorities are ***objectivity, impartiality and trustworthiness*** of the information collected by its observers.

ENEMO plans to release one interim report on its pre-election period assessment, which will be presented at an official press conference. The interim report will be followed by an Election Day preliminary statement and a final report. Ms. Dinara Oshurahunova, Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine, stated: **"All our conclusions will be based on the evidence collected by our observers."** Ms. Maja Milikic, Deputy Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine, added: **"ENEMO will follow political developments and proactively react when attention is warranted."**

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