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Following an invitation of the Central Election Commission of Moldova, ENEMO deployed an International Election Observation Mission to observe the 24 February 2019 Parliamentary Elections. The Mission was composed of a Core Team of eight international experts, based in Chisinau, and ten long-term observers, deployed in five multinational teams of two, throughout the country.

The Core Team has been established since the beginning of the election period, and the long-term observers have been deployed on 10 January 2019. Since its deployment, the Mission has monitored and assessed the overall environment in which elections are being held, performance of election management bodies, the candidate registration process, the electoral campaign, Election Day and other aspects of the process. The EOM was assessing the electoral process for compatibility with international benchmarks and standards for democratic elections, and the legal framework of the Republic of Moldova.

On Election Day, eight teams of two observers monitored the opening, voting, counting and tabulation of results, transfer to CoECs, as well as the environment inside and around polling stations and campaigning in Moldova, whereas additional 3 teams observed Election Day in PS abroad. In total, ENEMO observed 115 PS (112 in Moldova and 3 abroad).

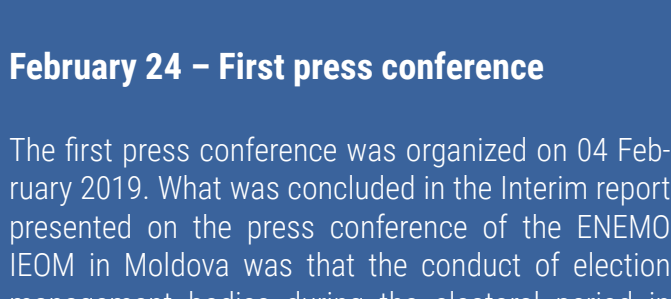
ENEMO IEOM was supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Embassy of Sweden, the National Endowment Foundation of US Congress through National Democratic Institute and the Delegation of the European Union to Moldova.

This was the 25th Election Observation Mission of ENEMO and a second ENEMO mission to Moldova.

December 25 - Meeting with the Chairwoman of the Central Election Commission

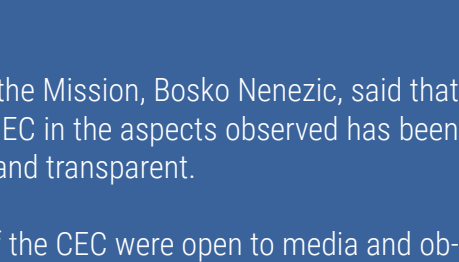
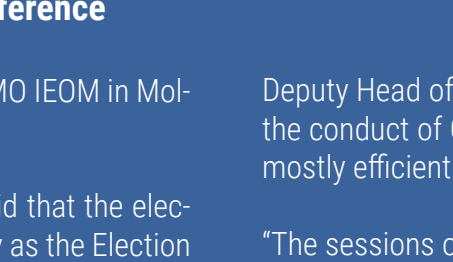
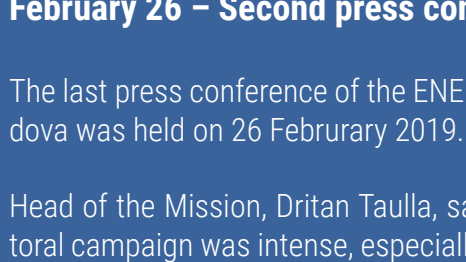
Delegation of the ENEMO EOM for the 2019 Parliamentary Election in Moldova, met with the Chairwoman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova, Alina Russu, Rodica Ciubotaru, Deputy Chairwoman, and Rodica Sirbu, Head of the Department of Communication, Public Relations and Mass Media.

Dritan Taulla, Head of Mission, Bosko Nenezic Deputy Head of Mission and Nurul Rakhimbek, CEC observer, officially presented the EOM and observation plans, while the representatives of the CEC shared an overview of their preparations for the elections and challenges the Commission faces in its work.



February 24 – First press conference

The first press conference was organized on 04 February 2019. What was concluded in the Interim report presented on the press conference of the ENEMO IEOM in Moldova was that the conduct of election management bodies during the electoral period in Moldova was professional and transparent, yet the work of CoECs was considered to be too strict by a number of candidates, resulting with a relatively high number of invalidated signatures, even for minor technical mistakes.

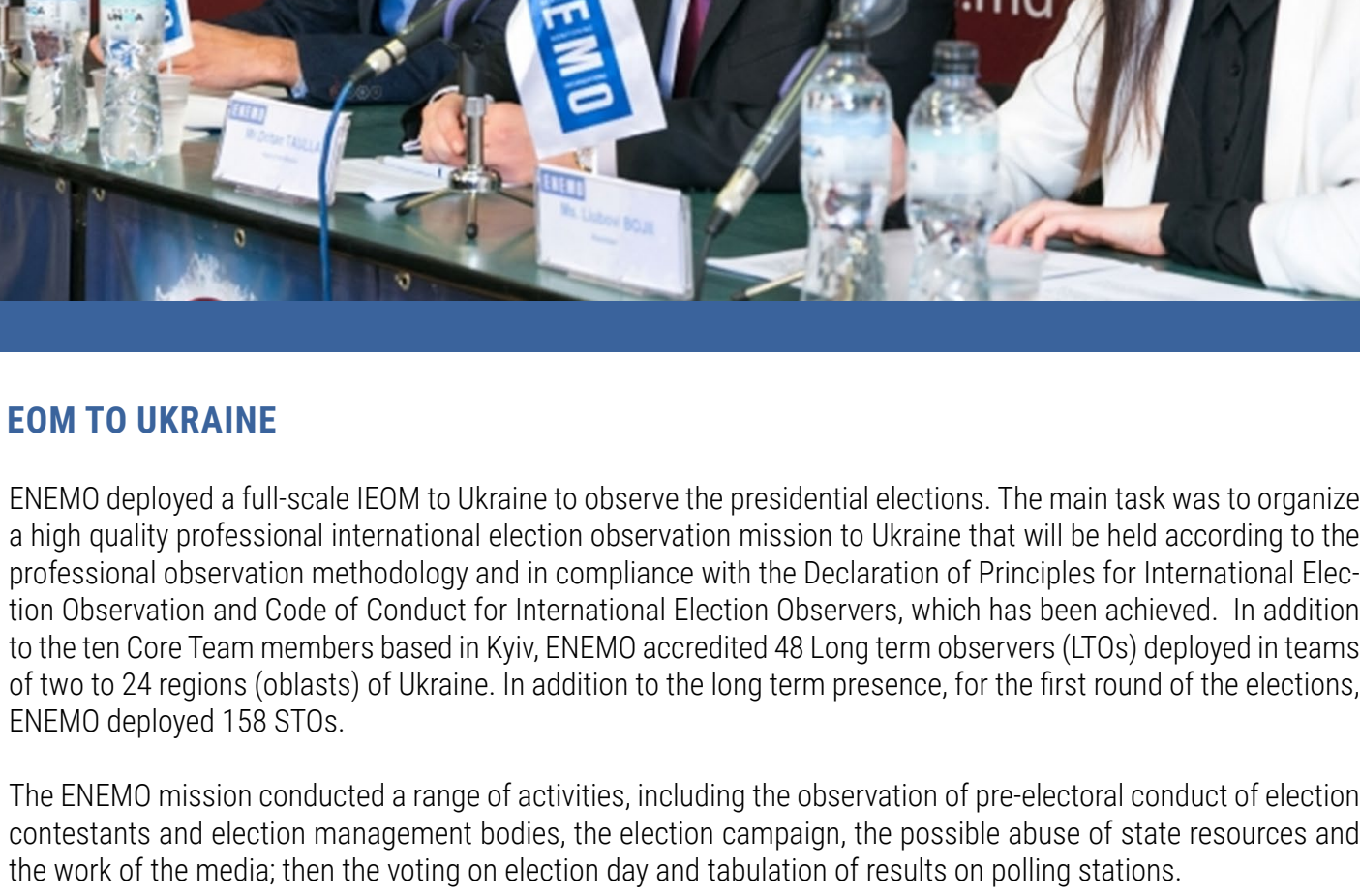


February 26 – Second press conference

The last press conference of the ENEMO IEOM in Moldova was held on 26 February 2019.

Head of the Mission, Dritan Taulla, said that the electoral campaign was intense, especially as the Election Day approached, with a high number of personal accusations between contestants, often resulting with formal complaints to the CEC and Courts.

"Election Day was generally calm and procedural elements of the process were conducted in a professional manner by PEBs. ENEMO observers reported sporadic procedural mistakes and ambiguities during the Election Day, mostly due to latest amendments and procedures introduced, such as electoral campaigning on Election Day, the use of cameras, and holding of the referendum on the same day as elections. Most PSs observed were not fully accessible to voters with mobility impairments", said Mr Taulla.



EOM TO UKRAINE

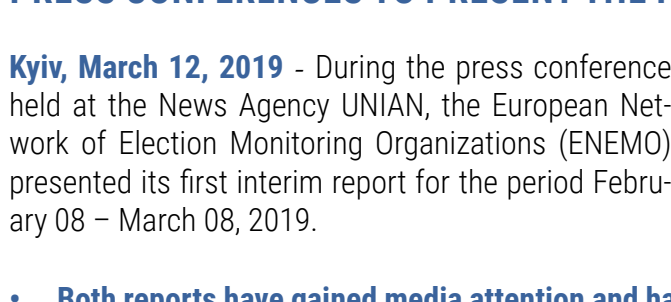
ENEMO deployed a full-scale IEOM to Ukraine to observe the presidential elections. The main task was to organize a high quality professional international election observation mission to Ukraine that will be held according to the professional observation methodology and in compliance with the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers, which has been achieved. In addition to the ten Core Team members based in Kyiv, ENEMO accredited 48 Long term observers (LTOs) deployed in teams of two to 24 regions (oblasts) of Ukraine. In addition to the long term presence, for the first round of the elections, ENEMO deployed 158 STOs.

The ENEMO mission conducted a range of activities, including the observation of pre-electoral conduct of election contestants and election management bodies, the election campaign, the possible abuse of state resources and the work of the media; then the voting on election day and tabulation of results on polling stations.

- For the first time in an ENEMO IEOM two high quality Interim reports before the first round of elections have been published.**
- Meetings attended by the mission members with electoral stakeholders served the purpose of presenting ENEMO's election monitoring plans and activities on one hand and gathering data in view of writing ENEMO's interim reports and obtaining key information on election processes and challenges. Meetings included other election monitoring missions, presidential candidates of candidate proxies, civil society organization representatives and media outlets.**
- Organized press conferences for the promotion of reports were attended not only by journalist but by the international community as well. Through the gained media outreach ENEMO has managed to address noted shortcomings and raise the awareness about the needed policy changes.**

February 13 - Head of Mission met with the Head of Central Election Commission of Ukraine

The Head of ENEMO Election Observation Mission in Ukraine Mr Zlatko Vujovic met with the Head of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine (CEC) Ms Tetiana Slipachuk. In the meeting, they discussed various aspects of ENEMO's extensive election observation experience.



February 19-20 - Two day training for LTOs

A two-day training for Long Term Observers was held on February 19 – 20 at the Hotel Ukraine in Kyiv. During the two-day training, ENEMO's Long Term Observers had the opportunity to gain more knowledge about their role and responsibilities, reporting guides and timeline, Code of Conduct, as well as on the political overview and key challenges in regard to the Presidential elections. Furthermore, LTOs were briefed on the legal framework and election administration and law enforcement authorities.

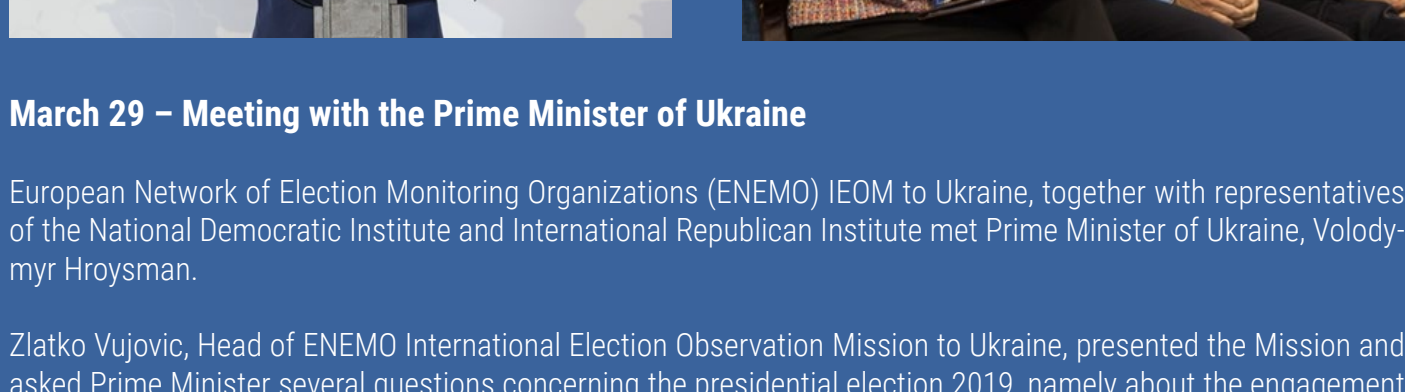
Trainers were Christina Chebes from ENEMO member organization Promo-lex and Kristina Kostelac and Mariam Chubabria, LTO Coordinators at the ENEMO IEOM to Ukraine.



PRESS CONFERENCES TO PRESENT THE FIRST AND SECOND INTERIM REPORT

Kyiv, March 12, 2019 - During the press conference held at the News Agency UNIAN, the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) presented its first interim report for the period February 08 – March 08, 2019.

- Both reports have gained media attention and have served as a basis of many debates and articles in both Ukrainian and international media. A colossal effort was put by the CT in order to improve the quality of the produced reports for this mission. Bearing in mind the feedback the reports and the CT has received from the domestic and international organizations this has been achieved.**
- In addition to the media coverage that ENEMO Interim reports have gained, HoM Zlatko Vujovic has also given additional press statements and was invited to be a guest speaker in one of the most popular debate shows on ICTV "Свобода слова" where other guests included Interior Minister Arsen Avakov, Chairman OPORA civic network - Aivazovska Olga, KIIS Director General Volodymyr Paniotto, and representatives of the two leading candidates.**



March 29 - STO briefing in Kyiv

For the first time in an ENEMO IEOM in Ukraine, a central STO Briefing was held in Kyiv. This was done for the purpose of all STOs receiving the same quality of training before their departure to their area of responsibility (AoR). The importance of the presence of the ENEMO mission and its observers was recognized by the attendance of the 3 ambassadors and donors of the mission. Ms. Marie Yovanovitch, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine; Mr. Ernst Reichel, German Ambassador to Ukraine and Mr. Hugues Mingarelli, EU Ambassador to Ukraine have addressed ENEMO observers and the media, which gave additional appraisal of the ENEMO mission in Ukraine.



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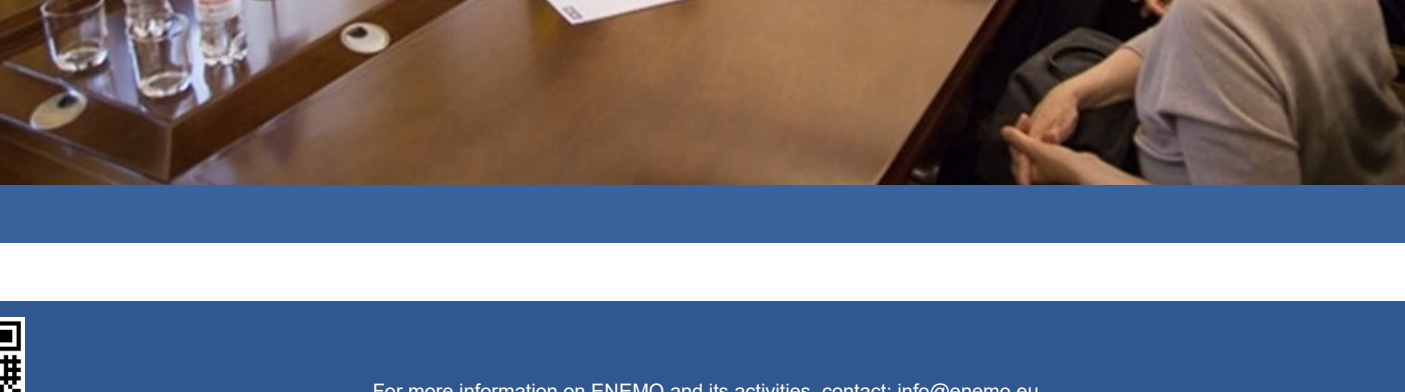
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March 29 – Meeting with the Prime Minister of Ukraine

European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) IEOM to Ukraine, together with representatives of the National Democratic Institute and International Republican Institute met Prime Minister of Ukraine, Volodymyr Hroysman.

Zlatko Vujovic, Head of ENEMO International Election Observation Mission to Ukraine, presented the Mission and asked Prime Minister several questions concerning the presidential election 2019, namely about the engagement of the Ministry of Interior in the election process, as well as about election reform.

During the meeting, Prime Minister of Ukraine stated that the main task of the Government during the presidential and parliamentary election campaigns is to guarantee a free and democratic electoral process and ensure the country's sustainable economic development. The Head of Government stressed that Ukraine and the Ukrainian Government are open to the democratic world and firmly stand on the positions of the irreversibility of reforms. He emphasized that the Government will consolidate efforts to secure the electoral process.



March 30 - ENEMO Secretary-General and Head of Mission to Ukraine hosts a meeting with the Director of OSCE (ODIHR)

Secretary-General and Head of Mission to Ukraine 2019, Zlatko Vujovic hosted a meeting with Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights who visited ENEMO office in Kyiv. Mr Vujovic presented ENEMO, the IEOM in Ukraine and its plans. Following the meeting, the representatives of the ENEMO IEOM and OSCE (ODIHR) discussed a potential future cooperation and the importance of civic monitoring of elections. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Head of the Mission, Teodora Pop Trajkov and Urdur Gunnarsdottir, Special Adviser to the Director.

