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EUROPEAN NETWORK OF ELECTION MONITORING ORGANIZATIONS TO DEPLOY UP TO 1,000 OBSERVERS ON DECEMBER 26

KYIV, UKRAINE – The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) today said it will send up to 1,000 international observers to monitor the third round of Ukraine’s presidential election on December 26.

ENEMO deployed over 1,000 observers on November 21. Since that time, the organization has maintained monitors in every region of the country, and has begun campaign monitoring of the third round pre-election period.

In its preliminary statement on the November 21 election, ENEMO noted:

“On November 21, the ENEMO mission identified a targeted and well-orchestrated campaign to disrupt voting in central oblasts including Chernihiv and Cherkassy, as well as outright fraud in Donetsk, Luhansk and several other oblasts. The methods used included violence, intimidation, attacks on polling stations and bomb scares.”

As a result, ENEMO announced at its press conference on November 22 that the election results “did not reflect the will of the Ukrainian people.”

ENEMO Co-Head Peter Novotny said, “We urge election officials to correct irregularities identified on November 21 by improving electoral legislation, staffing electoral commissions fairly, respecting the rights of observers – including the tens of thousands of domestic observers expected to be deployed – and conducting the poll in the most transparent manner possible on election-day itself.”

ENEMO is an association of civic organizations from 16 countries of the Central and Eastern Europe. These civic organizations are the leading domestic election monitoring groups in their countries. They have in total observed more than 110 national elections and trained more than 100,000 election monitors.

This upcoming observer delegation to Ukraine will include individuals from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovakia, Russia, Poland, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Kosovo, Romania, Georgia, Serbia, Armenia, Montenegro, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Slovakia, and Macedonia.

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