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Press Release: “First International Observation mission Registered in Ukraine Announces Plans for October 2012 Parliamentary Elections”

Kyiv, August 28, 2012. At today’s press conference, held in UNIAN news agency, the European Network of Elections Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) officially announced the start of its international observation mission for the October 2012 Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine. Ms. Maja Milikic, Deputy Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine stated: “... since August 8th 35 long-terms observers have been in the oblasts of Ukraine observing the pre-election political developments. Our observers were specially briefed and trained on particularities of the political environment and specifics of the Elections legislation. ENEMO is the first international mission accredited for October 28th elections”.

ENEMO operates in full compliances with international standards for election observation. “Complying with global standards for election observation has become increasingly important all across the world, “says Peter Novotny. He stated:“ENEMO endorsed the 2005 Declaration of Principles for International Elections 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.”

ENEMO's top priorities are *objectivity, impartiality and trustworthiness* of the information collected by its observers, which is required by ENEMO responsibilities before the documents network endorsed. The focus at this stage of observation is on: *Local Political developments, Work of the Election administration, Activities of Political parties / candidates, Work of the Local / regional administration, Specifics of the Election campaign, Media environment, Women and minority participation, Work of NGOs and Local non-partisan observers, Assessment of the voters education activities and Monitoring of official Complaints and appeals*. ENEMO monitors are working closely with domestic and international observation missions whose observation methodology meets international standards.

In the pre-election period ENEMO plans to release three summary reports which will be presented at official press conferences. Summary reports will be followed by Election Day statement and a final report. Mr. Peter Novotny, Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine stated: “All our conclusions will be based on the evidence”. Ms. Maja Milikic, Deputy Head of the ENEMO Mission to Ukraine added: “ENEMO will follow political developments in the country and proactively react when attention is warranted”

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