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Local elections in Ukraine: Congress pre-election delegation heads for Kiev

Date: 11-12 October 2010

Location: Kiev (Ukraine)

A delegation of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, headed by Gudrun Mosler-Törnström (Austria, SOC), will carry out a pre-electoral mission to Ukraine for the upcoming local elections which are scheduled for 31 October 2010. Nigel Mermagen (UK, ILDG) was appointed Rapporteur for the report which will follow the election monitoring.

The pre-election delegation will meet with representatives of government, electoral bodies, parties, the diplomatic community, NGOs and the media. A larger Congress delegation – including members of the EU-Committee of the Regions – will be in the country from 28 October to 1 November to observe the elections.

Members of the Congress pre-election delegation:

Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM (Austria, SOC) - Head of Delegation

Nigel MERMAGEN (UK, ILDG) - Rapporteur

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It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

President of the Congress: Yavuz Milden (Turkey, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Regions: Ludmila Sfîrloaga (Romania, SOC),

President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Ian Micallef (Malta, EPP/CD).

Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD), Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).