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## Pre-electoral visit to Kyiv

Strasbourg, 25.04.2014 – A seven-member delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), led by Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), will carry out a pre-electoral visit to Kyiv on 29-30 April, ahead of the early presidential election in Ukraine on 25 May, to assess the electoral framework and campaign.

The delegation is due to meet, in particular, the Speaker of the *Verkhovna Rada* and Acting President of Ukraine, the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior, the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council.

Talks are also scheduled with the main candidates standing for election, the Chairman of the Central Election Commission and with representatives of the international community, NGOs and the media.

A full 52-member delegation from the Assembly will return to the country to observe the voting.

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*The delegation will issue a statement at the end of the visit on Wednesday 30 April.*

Members of the delegation:

Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), head of the delegation

Frank Jenssen (Norway, EPP/CD)

Tinatin Khidasheli (Georgia, ALDE)

Ingebjørg Godskesen (Norway, EDG)

Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL)

Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) and Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE), PACE co-rapporteurs for the monitoring of Ukraine



The Assembly brings together 318 members from the national parliaments of the 47 member states.

President: Anne Brasseur (ALDE) - Secretary General of the Assembly: Wojciech Sawicki.

Political groups: SOC (Socialist Group); EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party);

EDG (European Democrat Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe);

UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).