

**CONGRESS OBSERVATION MISSION**  
**Local elections in Ukraine (25 October 2015)**

**PROGRAMME - Pre-Election Mission (1 October 2015)**

**Congress' Delegation**

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**Wednesday, 30 September 2015**

Various times **Arrival of the Congress Delegation in Kiev**

**20:30 – 21:00** **Welcome meeting with the Head of Delegation, Congress' Secretariat** and the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine, **Mr Vladimir RISTOVSKI**

Venue: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv, lobby

**Thursday, 1 October 2015**

**8:15 – 09:00** **Background briefing by Viktor TARAN**, Chairman of the Centre for Political Studies and Analysis, up-date on developments (since June 2014) with regard to the electoral framework of the 2015 local elections

Venue: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor "Polissya" meeting room

**9:15 – 10:00** **Background briefing with Ambassadors (Mr Luc JACOBS, Ambassador, Belgium, Mr Klaus IRO, DHoM, Austria, Mr Tanel TANG, Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Mr. Svetomir TODOROVIC, Serbia)** on the political situation prior to the local elections

Venue: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor "Polissya" meeting room

- 10:30 – 11:15 Briefing with **Mrs Tana de ZULUETA, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission and LTO team**
- Venue: OSCE/ODIHR Office, 38 Volodymyrska Vul, 5<sup>th</sup> floor
- 11:45 – 12:45 Meeting with the Deputy Chair of the Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine (CEC), **Mrs Zhanna USENKO-CHORNA; Yuri MAZUR. Head of Organisational and Methodical Department,**
- Venue: CEC Headquarter, 1 Pl. Lesya Ukrainka
- 13:00 – 13:45 Lunch break
- 13:45 – 14:30 Briefing with **Mrs Nataliya LYNNYK, Deputy Director, Programme manager, NGO “Committee of Voters of Ukraine”, Vadim MISKYI, Reanimation Package of Reforms other staff members of the CEC**
- Venue: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor “Polissya” meeting room
- 14:45 – 15:30 Background briefing with **Mr Ihor KOLIUSHKO, Member of the Expert Group on decentralisation and local self-government reform, Director of the Centre of policy and legal reforms** on recent developments on decentralisation further to the Constitutional reform in the context of the forthcoming local elections
- Venue: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor “Polissya” meeting room
- 16:00 – 16:45 Courtesy visit and exchange of views with the **Chairman of the Kyiv City Council Olexiy REZNIKOV, Head of the Ukrainian delegation of Ukraine to the CoE Congress, Volodymyr TERESHCHENKO, Head of the Kyiv Territorial Election Commission, other staff members of the City Council**
- Venue: City Hall, 36 Kreshchatyk Vul.
- 17:30 – 18:15 Briefing with media representatives: **Ms Diana DUTYK, Director of NGO “Telecrytyka”, Ms Galyna CHYZHYK, lawyer of the Media Law Institute, Galyna Smirnova, Project Officer of CoE EU project “Strengthening information society in Ukraine” and Ms Olga AYVAZOVSKA, Coordinator of NGO OPORA** (involved in monitoring elections campaign and observation of elections)
- Venue: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor “Polissya” meeting room
- Debriefing and Dinner (Mrs Nataliya ROMANOVA will join the delegation at 19h00)

### Friday, 2 October 2015

Various times **Departure of the Congress Delegation**

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