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Press Invitation

Election observation mission - 9 April 2017 local elections in Finland

On behalf of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, we are pleased to invite you to a press conference

on Monday 10 April 2017 at 11:00

at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Meeting room 1)

Mannerheimintie 50, 00260 Helsinki

At this media event, further to the observation of the 9 April 2017 local elections in Finland, the Head of Delegation and Rapporteur, Mrs Lelia HUNZIKER, will present the preliminary findings and conclusions of the Congress' delegation.

Please note that the press conference will be held in English.

Please confirm your attendance by e-mail to Arwen THIERRY at arwen.thierry@coe.int.

Background information:

From 5 to 10 April 2017, a delegation from the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe will undertake a visit to Finland to observe the local elections scheduled for 9 April 2017. Headed by Congress' Rapporteur Lelia HUNZIKER (Switzerland, SOC), the delegation includes 23 members from 18 Council of Europe Member States.

The Congress' delegation will hold preparatory meetings prior to Election Day with different interlocutors including representatives of the diplomatic corps, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Local Government, the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities, NGOs and media representatives, as well as candidates for the 9 April local elections.

On Election Day, the Congress delegation will deploy 10 teams to observe voting throughout the country.

The findings and conclusions of the Congress' delegation will be detailed in a report and a recommendation to Finnish authorities, which will be debated during the 33rd Plenary Session of the Congress.

If you need any further information, please contact:

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