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CANADEM Launches Parliamentary Election Observation Mission to Ukraine

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Today, CANADEM's Mission Canada is officially starting to observe the extraordinary parliamentary election in Ukraine scheduled for July 21, 2019. The Mission will observe all aspects of the parliamentary electoral process, and assess compliance with international standards for democratic elections and domestic laws.

A group of 50 Long-Term Observers (LTOs) – including core team members and analysts is arriving in Ukraine between June 7 and 18. After a briefing in Kyiv, they will be deployed to all oblasts in which the elections will take place.

The activities to be carried out by LTOs before Election Day include observing all aspects of the electoral process, as well as meeting with local electoral officials, election campaign representatives, civil society organizations, minority groups and voters. Their observations and reports form a crucial part of the assessment of the electoral process that Mission Canada will publish in its Preliminary Statement on 23 July.

A group of Short-Term Observers (STOs) will join Mission Canada a week before the Election Day. They will be briefed in Kyiv and deployed to all oblasts in which the election will take place to observe preparations for the election, the voting and counting of ballots.

Election observers and analysts will observe and assess the electoral campaign, voting and counting procedures, compilation of results and post-election activities, including complaints and appeals processes. They will evaluate the general political context, the work of the electoral administration, the media environment and the participation of women, internally displaced persons and minorities in the election. Mission Canada will consult with all relevant national and international stakeholders to gather information, views and concerns on the electoral process.

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For Mission Canada's Preliminary Statements of Findings on the Presidential Election, please go to:
<https://www.canademmissions.ca/preliminary-statement>

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Background to CANADEM Election Observation CANADEM has participated in over 130 missions in more than 40 countries, playing a crucial role in strengthening the democratic process globally. It has mobilized nearly 2000 election observers to Ukraine for 11 elections since 2004. CANADEM EOM operates in accordance with the "Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation", adopted at the United Nations in 2005.