

Training/briefing session on International Election Observation for Dutch Members of (European) Parliament

Monday 16 January 2012 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Multi Purpose Room (Room 01c71, first floor)

10.15 – 10.30 Welcome with coffee and tea

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Welcome by Ms Bea ten Tusscher, director of the Human Rights, Gender, Good Governance and Humanitarian Aid Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

10.35 – 10.45

Introduction by Mr Uri Rosenthal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. *(tbc)*

10.45 – 11.40

OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Methodology. Presentation by Mr Armin Rabitsch, Senior Election Adviser OSCE/ODIHR Warsaw.

11.40 – 12.30

Training # 1 by Ms Caecilia J. van Peski, electoral expert

12.30 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13.30

Perspectives on election observation from the viewpoint of a Head of Mission. Presentation by Ms Corien Jonker, former Member of Dutch Parliament, former Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Head of Mission for the Council of Europe in EOM Albania, twice Head of Mission in EOM Kyrgyzstan.

13.30 – 14.30

Training # 2 by Ms Caecilia J. van Peski, electoral expert

14.30 - 15.30

Election observation from the EIDHR perspective. Presentation by Ms Malgorzata Wasilewska, Head of the Election Observation Unit of the European Union External Action Services (EEAS)

15.30 – 15.50 Tea break

15.50 – 16.10

Election Observation Missions from the perspective of Parliamentary Assemblies. Presentation by Mr Arjen Westerhoff, Deputy Clerk Interparliamentary Relations States General of the Netherlands

16.10 – 16.50

Training # 3 by Ms Caecilia J. van Peski, electoral expert

16.50 – 17.20

Collected data analyses. Presentation by Professor Hans Schmeets, Maastricht University and Statistics Netherlands

17.20 – 18.00

Training # 4 by Ms Caecilia J. van Peski, electoral expert

18.00 – 19.00 Dinner

19.00 – 20.00

Speech by Dame Audrey Glover. Dame Audrey Glover headed multiple OSCE/ODIHR EOMs, including those to Georgia and Azerbaijan (2010), Albania (2009), the US (2008) and Ukraine (2007). Dame Audrey Glover was seconded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as Director of the ODIHR from 1994 to 1997. She then headed the UK Delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission from 1998 to 2003.

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