



Local elections 2009

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ENEMO Begins observation of the Local Elections 2009 in the Republic of Kosovo

ENEMO has set up the mission to observe the upcoming Local Elections 2009 in the Republic of Kosovo. The mission headquarters are based in Pristina and a 7 member core team is preparing the ground for the arrival of 12 Long term observers and 120 short term observers from the states within the OSCE Region.

The ENEMO mission is headed by Mr. Darko Aleksov, the Executive Director of the Citizens Association MOST from the Republic of Macedonia.

Once briefed the long term and the short term observers will operate in teams of two and will be deployed in the regions covering the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo for the both rounds of the elections.

“ENEMO observers will observe and assess the implementation within the legal framework of the following aspects of the electoral process: the work of the election administration, campaign activities, the voting, ballot counting and tabulation of the results as well as the managing of the procedure of complaints and appeals” stressed Mr. Aleksov.

As one of the endorsers, ENEMO applies the high standards set forth in the “Declaration of principles for international election observation and code of conduct for international observers”. The ENEMO observers operate and conduct their work in accordance with this declaration.

“The citizens of Kosovo and its authorities through the conduct and organization of free and fair elections in accordance with the international standards will have the unique opportunity to manifest democratic maturity and civic awareness,” said Mr. Aleksov.

ENEMO (European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations) is a group of 18 civic organizations from seventeen countries of the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. These nonpartisan organizations are the leading domestic election monitoring groups in their countries. In total, ENEMO member organizations have observed 200 national elections in their countries and more than 100 elections abroad and trained 200 000 election monitors.

The election observation mission up to date is generously supported by USAID through the National Democratic Institute for International affairs (NDI), the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of Sweden.

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