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## OSCE Chairman appoints Parliamentarians to lead OSCE election observation missions to Kazakhstan, Belarus, Ukraine and United States

The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Passy, has appointed four OSCE parliamentarians as special co-ordinators to lead OSCE observation missions for forthcoming elections in Kazakhstan, Belarus, Ukraine and the United States.

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA) Vice-President Ihor Ostash (Ukraine), was appointed to lead the OSCE observation mission for the 19 September parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan.

OSCE PA Vice-President Tone Tingsgaard (Sweden) will

lead the observation mission for the 17 October parliamentary elections in Belarus, and former OSCE PA President Bruce George (United Kingdom) has been appointed to head the mission for the 31 October presidential election in Ukraine.

The observation mission for the 2 November presidential and congressional elections in the United States will be led by OSCE PA Vice-President Barbara Haering (Switzerland).

The election observation missions will assess the conduct of the elections, the political campaigns and the role of the media in the respective countries.



## President Alcee Hastings, Secretary of State Powell Discuss OSCE Reforms, US Election Observation

On 8 September, President Hastings met with the American Secretary of State Colin Powell at the State Department. Reform of the OSCE was among the topics discussed during the meeting. Secretary Powell also confirmed his support for Congressman Hastings in his new capacity as President of the OSCE PA and expressed his support for the decision to send observers to the US elections and pledged to provide all appropriate assistance for the mission.