



## **What is the mandate of the Election Observation Mission?**

Mission Canada is a neutral and impartial election observation mission run by CANADEM, an international not-for-profit NGO dedicated to advancing democracy and international peace and security.

The mission's mandate is to provide an assessment of the presidential electoral process. Mission Canada assesses Ukraine's compliance with OSCE commitments and other international standards for democratic elections, as well as with national legislation.

The mission observes, records, and reports on its findings, without interfering or intervening in any way in the electoral processes. Mission Canada does not legitimise the electoral process nor does it validate the election results. All observers are

bound by a code of conduct to guarantee that they follow the principles for international election observation.

Mission Canada is independent from the Government of Canada.

### **Mission Canada Reports**

Mission Canada will issue a preliminary statement after Election Day in Ukraine, providing an initial assessment of the electoral process thus far. The mission's overall findings will be presented in a final report at the end of the electoral process, a few months later. The final report will provide recommendations for improved electoral processes in the future.

## **About Mission Canada**

Mission Canada is led by a Head of Mission, and a Deputy Head of Mission (D HoM) Olya Odynska-Grod. 50 Long-term Observers (LTOs) from Canada arrived in Ukraine at the beginning of February and were later deployed across the country in teams of two. There is a Core Team of 13 experts based in Kyiv, including analysts, who examine political, electoral, legal and other issues related to the electoral process. LTOs observe all aspects of the electoral process, including candidate registration, campaign activities, election administration, implementation of election legislation, the media environment, and the resolution of election-related disputes. They also observe the role of civil society, as well as the participation of women, internally displaced persons and minorities in the electoral process. Their observations are reported to the Core Team in Kyiv. Mission Canada observes in all 24 oblasts, meeting with as many stakeholders as possible.

### **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. They have 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.

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