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OSCE PA TO DEPLOY OBSERVERS FOR JAN. 10 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN KAZAKHSTAN

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The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly said it will deploy seven parliamentarians and staff from five countries to observe the parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan this Sunday. The PAs observer team will focus its efforts in the capital, Nur-Sultan, and will work closely with long-term observers deployed by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. Altogether, the OSCE will have some 30 observers in the country.

Kristian Vigenin (Bulgaria) has been appointed Special Co-ordinator to lead the short-term OSCE observers and deliver the statement of preliminary findings and conclusions, which will take place at a press conference in Nur-Sultan on 11 January. A former foreign minister of Bulgaria, Vigenin is Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly, having previously served as Rapporteur of the General Committee on Political Affairs and Security. He is also Deputy Head of the Bulgarian Delegation to the OSCE PA.

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