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PRESS RELEASE

## ODIHR opens special election assessment mission in Mongolia

ULAANBAATAR, 25 May 2021 – The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) today formally opened a special election assessment mission (SEAM) for the 9 June presidential election in Mongolia, following an official invitation from the national authorities.

The mission is headed by Lolita Čigāne (Latvia), and consists of a team of nine international experts based in Ulaanbaatar. The mission will assess the election for its compliance with OSCE commitments and other international obligations and standards for democratic elections, as well as with national legislation. Observers will look closely at fundamental aspects of the election such as voter and candidate registration, campaign activities and the media coverage of the campaign, the work of the election administration and relevant state bodies, implementation of the legal framework, and the resolution of election disputes.

Meetings with representatives of state authorities and political parties, civil society, the media and the international community are also planned. The ODIHR SEAM will co-operate closely with the health authorities of Mongolia and follow the health guidelines they have established.

While mission members will visit a limited number of polling stations on election day, there will not be any systematic or comprehensive observation of the voting, counting or tabulation proceedings, in line with ODIHR's methodology for election assessment missions.

The day after the election, ODIHR will publish its preliminary conclusions about the electoral process and present its findings at a press conference. An invitation to participate will follow separately.

A final report containing an assessment of the entire election process and recommendations will be published approximately two months after the election.

*Further information on ODIHR's election observation activities in Mongolia is available here:*

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/mongolia/>

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