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Invitation to Observe the Elections

to the Coordination Council of Belarus (Voting: 11–17 May 2026)

Dear Mr. Petit

We would like to invite your team to nominate an international observer for the upcoming elections to the [Coordination Council of Belarus](#) — a collective representative body of the democratic part of Belarusian society.

Online voting will be conducted via a digital voting platform from 11 to 17 May 2026. The Election Commission will announce the preliminary results on 18 May 2026, with appeals open from 19 to 20 May 2026 and final results scheduled between 21 and 23 May 2026.

Given the Coordination Council's nature as a representative body operating in exile, we would value your engagement in a format that is feasible for you: for example, as parliamentary guests and/or observers, or through an expert-level review of our procedures, especially regarding online voter verification and digital voting.

The Election Commission confirms its commitment to the principles set out in the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the accompanying Code of Conduct (27 October 2005). We will facilitate observers' access to relevant stages of the electoral process and provide the necessary information and briefings, subject to security and data-protection requirements, including in relation to online voter verification and digital voting.

Key dates

- 10 - 31 March 2026: Submission of documents and registration of electoral subjects/lists (the Election Commission will issue decisions on registration or refusal during this period).
- 1 - 3 April 2026: The Election Commission will adopt registration decisions (including refusals) and publish the list of registered electoral lists.
- 1 - 7 April 2026: Appeal period for registration decisions (the duration depends on the date of the relevant decision).
- 1 - 10 April 2026: Final decisions following appeals; a draw will be conducted; candidate lists will be published on the Coordination Council website.
- 1- 2 May 2026 (Warsaw): Diaspora conference, including a Coordination Council panel; electoral subjects/lists are expected to attend, providing an opportunity for accredited guests/observers to engage with them directly.
- 11 - 17 May 2026: Voting period.
- 18 May 2026: Announcement of the preliminary results.
- 19 - 20 May 2026: Appeal period for the preliminary results.
- 21 - 23 May 2026: Consideration of complaints and/or approval of the final election results.

In-person events:

Some in-person (Warsaw-based) activities are planned for April and May, including a briefing/meeting for election stakeholders and in-person presence of the Election Commission during the final days of voting and the announcement of preliminary results (15–18 May 2026). Exact dates and the venue will be communicated separately to accredited guests and observers.

Scope of observation

We welcome observation of the electoral process, including:

- registration-related procedures and decisions by the Election Commission;
- the campaign environment and information conditions;
- the voter verification and voting process on the digital platform (within security and data-protection constraints);
- counting/tabulation, publication of results, and the complaints/appeals process.

Access and cooperation

To facilitate your observation work, we are ready to provide:

- the elections' legal framework and key procedural documents;
- a calendar of public meetings of the Election Commission (including live streams when applicable);
- briefings with the Election Commission and relevant technical counterparts to explain the digital process at a methodological level;

- a dedicated contact point for observer questions and requests.

Observers will be expected to act independently and impartially and to comply with standard observer ethics and confidentiality requirements, consistent with international observation principles. Following your observation, we would kindly request a written report (collective or individual). We would intend to publish it after the completion of the election process, with your consent.

Practical details

Please let us know whether you would be able to nominate an observer or join as a parliamentary guest, what format would work best (remote / in-person / hybrid or expert review), and your expected level of engagement (e.g., observation of public meetings, review of procedural documents, or an expert review of the digital voting and verification model). We would be grateful to receive your response by **April 1**.

Thank you for considering this invitation. We would value your independent assessment of the process.

Sincerely, Chairperson of the Election Commission

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