



United States Mission to the OSCE

Invitation to Observe November 5 General Elections in the United States

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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On November 5th, millions of Americans will go to the polls to cast their votes for 435 seats in the House of Representatives, 34 U.S. Senate seats, gubernatorial offices in eleven states and two territories, myriad state and local offices, and of course, the U.S. Presidency.

We Americans are proud of our institutions, firmly grounded in the rule of law, and our long history of free and fair democratic elections. We believe elected office is a public trust and that legitimate government is based on the consent of the governed, not the other way around.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the OSCE to send observers to our 2024 elections. We formally invite the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to conduct a Needs Assessment Mission to the United States in preparation for a possible Election Observation Mission, and we hope both ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will take part in observing our elections.

The United States values the important work of the OSCE and ODIHR in promoting free and fair elections throughout the OSCE region. We look forward to the OSCE's observation of our elections as an opportunity to demonstrate the United States' respect for our OSCE commitments and for our international obligations on the exercise of civil and political rights.

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