



OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
Election Observation Mission to the Russian Federation
State Duma Elections 2016

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Mr. Anatoly Vladimirovich Bondary
Chief Judge, Nizhgorodsky Regional Court
Nizhgorodskaya Region

Dear Chief Judge,

Following an invitation of the Russian authorities, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR) established an Election Observation Mission (EOM) on 8 August 2016 to observe the State Duma elections in the Russian Federation, scheduled for 18 September 2016.

The mission will assess the State Duma elections for compliance with OSCE commitments and other international standards and obligations for democratic elections, as well as with domestic legislation. Observers will follow the candidate registration process, campaign activities, the work of the election administration and relevant state bodies, implementation of the legal framework and the resolution of election disputes. As part of the observation, the mission will also monitor the media coverage of the campaign.

In the course of its observation, the mission will meet with representatives of relevant authorities and political parties, as well as with representatives of civil society, the media and the international community.

Therefore, we would kindly request a meeting with you in your capacity as Chief Judge of Nizhgorodsky Oblast Court upon your earliest convenience to discuss matters related to the upcoming elections.

Yours sincerely,

Long-term Observers
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