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UCCA Calls for Volunteers to Serve as International Election Observers for Second Round

New York, NY (UCCA) – On April 4th, the Central Election Commission of Ukraine released the final results of the March 31st presidential elections. With 39 candidates vying for president, no candidate received an absolute majority. According to the CEC, with voter turnout at 62.8%, Volodymyr Zelenskiy secured 30.24% of the vote, while Ukraine's incumbent president, Petro Poroshenko garnered 15.95%. The **presidential run-off election** between Zelenskiy and Poroshenko will be held on **Sunday, April 21st**.

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America is therefore, once again, seeking volunteers to join its Election Observation Mission (EOM) to monitor the April 21st decisive run-off elections. Interested individuals must fill out the attached **observer application** and provide a **scanned copy of their passport to the UCCA office by April 12th**. Those observers accredited for the March 31st vote are eligible to monitor the April 21st vote.

With long-term experience in observing elections, the UCCA EOM will conduct a training briefing for its observers on Thursday, April 18th on how best to serve as international election monitors. Official CEC accreditation will be provided and coordinated through the UCCA, which will also organize in-country travel and lodging, translators and guides, if necessary.

The goal of the UCCA EOM is to support an open and transparent electoral process during the run-off elections, specifically to monitor adherence to the law, prevent violations and provocations at polling stations during voting and provide an assessment of the electoral process. The UCCA does not support any one candidate or political party and supports Ukraine's commitment to OSCE standards for a free and fair election that accurately reflects the will of the electorate. The UCCA-EOM is therefore comprised of volunteers, with registered International Election Observers responsible for all costs related to their participation in the UCCA-EOM, including, but not limited to, travel and lodging.

For further information about the UCCA's International Election Observer program, or to submit your application please email UCCA's EOM Coordinator, Tamara Olexy at tolexy@ucca.org.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA,) the national umbrella organization in the United States representing the interests of the over one million Americans of Ukrainian descent since 1940 has been conducting comprehensive civic education programs in Ukraine to teach citizens the benefits of democracy and free market economic reforms since 1991. A large part of the UCCA's Civic Education work has included hosting delegations of international election observers to monitor Ukraine's presidential and parliamentary elections. UCCA Delegations have monitored every election held in Ukraine since 1991.



UCCA's International Election Observer Application
Ukrainian Presidential Elections
April 21, 2019

Last Name (as written in passport): _____

First Name (as written in passport): _____

Middle Name (as written in passport): _____

Citizenship: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____

Passport Number: _____ Passport issued by (country): _____

Passport issued on (date): _____ Passport expiration date: _____

Profession _____

Place of employment _____

Name of International organization from which you will be serving as an International Election Observer
Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

Type and date of the election of deputies of Ukraine, which provides for the supervision of the electoral process
2019 Presidential elections

Election observation experience (country, year) _____

Address: (Street, State, Zip code, Country) _____

Telephone /fax/email _____

Date of entry into Ukraine: _____ Date of departure from Ukraine: _____

Please submit the completed form, along with a photo or scanned copy of the face page of the passport to the UCCA National Office by end-of-business on Friday, April 12, 2019, to tolexy@ucca.org ; or by regular mail to: Election Observer Mission 2019,

c/o Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, 203 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the UCCA's National Office at (212) 228-6840