

# Election Observation and New Technologies



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# OSCE Commitments and Election Observation

- 1990 Copenhagen Document - principles for democratic elections in OSCE area.
- Periodic, genuine, free, and fair elections, with universal and equal suffrage, conducted by secret ballot.
- Observation enhances integrity

# OSCE/ODIHR Approaches

- OSCE-wide discussion of election commitments and the use of new technologies
- Election observation and assessment missions: Kazakhstan, United States, the Netherlands
- Development of guidelines for observation of electronic voting

# New Technologies and OSCE Commitments

- New technologies: implications for all aspects of an election
- Secrecy of the vote and transparency of the process
- Observation and evidence

# Areas of Focus for Observers

- Certification and Testing
- Secrecy of the Vote
- Security
- Accessibility
- Education and Training

# Areas of Focus - continued

- Manual Audit Capacity
- Accountability
- Legal Framework
- Observer Access

# Additional Information?

- Brochure and Election Observation Handbook
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