



Information regarding International Election Observation

The United States often sends observers to monitor elections in foreign countries. The observers are part of teams assembled by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), of which the USA is one of the 57 members. Information on such missions can be found at this website: <http://www.osce.org/odihr/>

Since 1997, many U.S. local election and elected officials and their staff have served as OSCE election observers in foreign countries. While observers are not paid, their travel and per diem expenses are taken care of. Short Term Observer (STO) missions normally last for one week.

We recommend that iGO members from the United States who are interested in serving as observers go to this website and sign up immediately with PA&E so that you can be considered for an overseas observation mission. <https://www.pae.com/careers-react>

PAE has the contract with the State Department to select US observers for OSCE observation missions. Fill out the required information to be considered, including the required test, so that when the posting is listed for a specific election you can then apply for that specific election. You'll need to check the website often so that you apply for an open STO position on a timely basis. (LTO are Long Term Observers needed about 6-8 weeks; STO are short term observers--about 1 week).

Emphasize your election background on your resume.