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## PRESS RELEASE

### EU Election Observation Mission deploys 72 long-term observers across the Philippines

**Manila, 16 April 2025** - The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) for the National Midterm Elections in the Philippines has deployed 72 long-term observers throughout the country today. Prior to their deployment, the long-term observers received a comprehensive briefing in Manila on the framework for elections, the political environment, the campaign and the media and social media ecosystem.

The EU EOM is led by **Chief Observer Marta Temido**, a Member of the European Parliament from Portugal, who will undertake her first visit to the Philippines in the coming days. The **Deputy Chief Observer, Manuel Sánchez de Nogués**, stated today: *“Our long-term observers will be deployed across all regions of the Philippines, covering both urban and rural areas. They will observe the electoral process before, during, and after the vote on 12 May, and will meet with electoral officials, candidates, civil society representatives, and the media to gain a comprehensive understanding of the electoral process.”*

Around 100 short-term observers will join the EU EOM shortly before Election Day, together with a Delegation of members of the European Parliament and accredited diplomats. In total, more than 200 observers from EU Member States, Canada, Norway and Switzerland will observe election operations on 12 May.

*“The EU Election Observation Mission conducts a comprehensive analysis of the electoral process using a well-established methodology developed by the EU over more than two decades and consistently applied across all countries where we observe. The Mission focuses on key aspects of the electoral process, including the legal framework, the work of the election administration, the election campaign, the role of the media and the social media, voting, automated counting, tabulation the of results, and the resolution of election-related disputes. The Mission operates with complete independence and impartiality and does not interfere in the electoral process”,* Mr. Sánchez de Nogués further explained.

The EU EOM will issue a preliminary statement shortly after election day and will remain in the country until the end of May. A final report will be published at a later stage and will include recommendations presented to the Philippine authorities for their consideration in future elections.

In response to an invitation from the Government of the Philippines to observe the National Midterm Elections, the European Union has deployed an Election Observation Mission, which has been present in the country since 28 March. The EU EOM Philippines 2025 is independent from the EU institutions and EU member states. It is committed to remaining neutral and to abide by the [Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#) for International Election Observers, as well as the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

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