

Canada did not send observers to the El Salvador elections of 1982 because the terms of the mandate of the observers were not sufficiently clear. Mr. MacEachen noted that this time the arrangements made for the official observers are better and more comprehensive. They will be coordinated by the Central Electoral Council of El Salvador. The official observers will be given full support facilities by the Council to allow verification of the process in its different phases, such as registration, voting, computation of votes, transmission of returns and announcement of results. Official observers are expected to evaluate the process and to report to their respective Governments. The Central Electoral Council of El Salvador, as host to the designated official observers, is offering security guarantees and support facilities to allow the observers to perform their task in any location of their choosing where their personal safety is not endangered.