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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the interest in our Conference. This letter is to testify that your application is accepted and you are included on the list of participants of the "Elections in Africa: Internal Changes and Foreign Policy of African Countries, Conference Series". The Conference will take place in Moscow, Russia, on **November 1-2, 2018** and will bring together scholars from about fifteen countries. We are sure that participation of each of you will become an important contribution to its success.

✓ Confirmation

Please confirm that you do intend and will be able to participate in the Conference in person by sending an e-mail message to <u>confer2018@gmail.com</u>. First and foremost we need it for preparing Visa Support Application Certificates, necessary for your Russian Visa Application.

Also we kindly ask you to inform us in case of no-show as well.

✓ Conference fee

Let us remind you that the regular Conference registration fee is \$150 while it is \$75 for students and citizens of African states residing in Africa except South Africa, and \$100 for accompanying persons. The registration fee is to be paid in cash on arrival. It can be paid not only in dollars but also in euros or Russian rubles according to the official exchange rate for the date of registration. The Conference participants working for the Conference organizing institutions - Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and African Studies Center of the University of Porto, as well as researchers from the Institute for African Studies <u>official partners</u>, are waved from registration fee.

✓ Accommodation

We would like to encourage you to make independent hotel reservation in advance. You may find information about variety of different class Moscow hotels and make a reservation online on such sites as <u>http://www.hotelsrussia.com/</u> and <u>http://www.booking.com/</u>, etc. For your convenience in order to save your time try to choose your location closer to the Institute (where the Conference is going to take place) or on the same Metro line. Here is the Address of the Institute: **30/1 Spiridonovka St.**; closest Metro Stations (approx. 10 min. walk): Mayakovskaya, Pushkinskaya, Tverskaya, Chekhovskaya and Barrikadnaya.

Our guests frequently prefer these following options (click to open):

- Marko Polo Hotel
- <u>Mayakovka House Hotel</u>
- Bronnaya Apartment
- Souvenir Mini Hotel
- Gorod Patriarshie Hostel

Please note that early hotel reservation in strongly recommended, as Moscow hotels and hostels may be full any season.

We hope that you will enjoy your stay and would like to make your travel around the city easier and more comfortable. Therefore, for your convenience we would recommend you to download these free applications:

 \checkmark <u>https://2gis.ru</u> – This navigator will help you to find exactly what you want, whether

it is the nearest ATM or a 24-hour restaurant, and will show you how to get there;

✓ <u>https://yandex.com/maps/213/moscow/</u> – Detailed map of Moscow, with street

names, building numbers, traffic and directions for driving and public transit;

- <u>https://yandex.com/transport/</u> Public transport tracker;
- ✓ <u>http://mosmetro.ru/app/</u> Moscow Metro Map;
- ✓ <u>https://taxi.yandex.ru/app/#village</u> Taxi (Uber is also available in Moscow).

Please, don't hesitate to ask any questions. We are looking forward to meeting you in Moscow!

Kind regards,

Organizing Committee