



**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
SERBIA AMBASSADOR VUK ŽUGIĆ AT THE 913<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

24 May 2012

Mr Chairman,

We would like to thank the distinguished representatives for their congratulations on the successful conclusion of the second round of presidential elections.

We welcome the Preliminary Conclusions by the ODIHR and OSCE PA which stated that the second round of presidential elections maintained the open, transparent and highly competitive character and repeated few areas for improvement, which we will reflect on after the issuance of the final report and inform the Human Dimension Committee and the Permanent Council respectively.

We take this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to the Euro integration process which was also reaffirmed in the first post election statement of the president-elect Mr Tomislav Nikolić who stated that “Serbia will not stray from its European path”.

As already mentioned after the conclusion of the parliamentary elections, we expect a prompt formation of the new government which will continue the reform pace and Euro integration processes.

In conclusion, let me once again thank the OSCE for their facilitating role in conducting these elections in Kosovo and Metohija, which were conducted in a peaceful atmosphere and orderly manner.

Thank you Mr Chairman.