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Any other business

Statement by

Ambassador Zoran Dabik,

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Macedonia to the OSCE

Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna would like to inform the Permanent Council that early Parliamentary Elections in the Republic of Macedonia are called for 5 June 2011.

In accordance with Macedonia's Copenhagen and Istanbul commitments, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia extended invitations to the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to observe the course of Macedonia's national election proceedings. OSCE participating States who may wish to observe these elections are also invited. Participating States and OSCE institutions interested in observing these elections are requested to contact the Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia to the OSCE as soon as possible.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman