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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On the parliamentary election in Uzbekistan

Madam Chairperson,

We congratulate our Uzbek friends on the excellent organization and success of the election of deputies to the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan on 27 October.

The election received high praise from international observers, including those from the missions deployed by the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the Organization of Turkic States. They described the election as transparent, competitive, open and free. They also noted that the election was held in full compliance with the requirements of Uzbekistan's Constitution and Electoral Code, and with the universally recognized principles governing the organization of democratic elections. Voting took place in a calm and organized manner, with a high voter turnout. No irregularities were identified that could have affected the results of the vote.

As usual, the findings of the mission deployed by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights are at odds with these assessments. This does not surprise us – bias, double standards and geographical imbalances remain at the core of the Office's election monitoring activities. Moreover, this is directly linked to the lack of agreed election observation rules within the OSCE. This is precisely why Russia has long insisted on developing a consensus-based methodology for election observation.

We take this opportunity to reaffirm our fundamental commitment to further strengthening the multifaceted Russo-Uzbek strategic partnership and alliance.

Thank you for your attention.