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**STATEMENT BY MR. VLADIMIR ZHEGLOV,
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AT THE 1322nd (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE
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**On the invitation of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to
observe the elections to the State Duma**

Mr. Chairperson,

We should like to inform the OSCE participating States that, in accordance with the Decree of President Vladimir Putin of 17 June 2021, elections to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation of the new (eighth) convocation have been scheduled for 19 September 2021.

In compliance with the commitments set forth in the 1990 CSCE Copenhagen Document, on 23 June the Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, Ella Pamfilova, sent a letter to the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Matteo Mecacci, with an invitation to take part in the observation of the preparation for and conduct of the elections in the Russian Federation. A note to this effect has been circulated by us among all participating States.

Thank you for your attention.