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BELARUS TO THE OSCE, AT THE 920th MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

16 July 2012

Regarding the parliamentary elections in Belarus

Mr. Chairperson,

Elections to the Chamber of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus are to be held on 23 September 2012.

On the basis of our OSCE commitments under the Copenhagen Document of 1990 and the Charter for European Security of 1999 as well as the provisions of our national legislation, Belarus has invited representatives of the OSCE and the Commonwealth of Independent States to observe these elections.

In particular, invitations have been sent to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE as well as the Executive Secretariat and the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.