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**STATEMENT BY MR. ANDREY KELIN,
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AT THE 911th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

10 May 2012

Regarding the elections in the Serbian territory of Kosovo

Mr. Chairperson,

We note that the Serbian presidential and parliamentary elections were held in a peaceful and organized manner in Kosovo on 6 May 2012 with the technical assistance of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and in line with the agreements reached between the Electoral Commission of the Republic of Serbia and the OSCE Mission.

We welcome the fact that voting at the 90 polling stations in the territory proceeded without any serious incidents. We are confident that the second round of elections on 20 May will also proceed peacefully and on the basis of the same tried and tested modalities for co-operation with the OSCE Mission.

We assume that the international agencies present in Kosovo, including the OSCE Mission, will continue to fully implement their mandates of ensuring peace and security in the territory, operating on the basis of status neutrality.

Thank you for your attention.