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Statement of the European Union on elections in Kosovo (17 November 2007)

The European Union commends the OSCE-Mission in Kosovo for assisting the authorities in Kosovo in organising the elections on 17 November 2007.

On these elections, the Council of the European Union adopted, on 19 November, the following conclusions:

«The Council welcomed the fact that elections in Kosovo took place in an orderly and peaceful manner and that the Council of Europe Election Observation mission, in its preliminary statement, has assessed that the elections were conducted generally in line with international and European standards for democratic elections. The Council expressed its disappointment of the low overall voter turnout. It regretted the low participation by the Kosovo Serb community and Belgrade's call for a boycott and stressed the importance of the inclusion of all communities in political life in Kosovo. The Council looked forward to an early formation of a new Government to strengthen the reform agenda to the benefit of all communities in Kosovo. »