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EU Statement on the American elections

Mr Chairman, The European Union wishes to congratulate the United States of America on the election of a new President in one of the most exciting democratic contests. We welcome the preliminary conclusion of the ODIHR long term observation mission that "[the election] demonstrated the essential principles of a pluralistic democracy characterized by transparency and the respect for fundamental freedoms and the rule of law." We also note that the mission called for continued efforts on the part of the US authorities "to enhance public confidence in the election process", and address fully concerns raised by ODIHR at previous elections.

Mr Chair, the EU also wishes to commend the ODIHR for having sent a substantial observation mission to this year's US Presidential election. We consider this further evidence of the Office's commitment to geographical balance and to the continued implementation of Ministerial decision 19/06.

Thank you Mr Chairman.

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