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## Statement by the Permanent Representative of Iceland

Under item 5 of the Agenda of the 750th Meeting of the Permanent Council of 12th February 2009.

Madam Chair,

In anticipation of early general elections in Iceland and in accordance with the 1990 Copenhagen Commitments of the OSCE and other election-related commitments, I would like to inform the Permanent Council that the Permanent Mission of Iceland has extended an invitation to the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to observe the forthcoming elections on behalf of the OSCE participating States. The Icelandic authorities will confirm the date of the elections as soon as it is formally set and the elections called. It is anticipated, Madam Chair, that these elections will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you Madam Chair.