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Regarding the results of the parliamentary elections in Ukraine

Mr. Chairperson,

The election of deputies to the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) for the seventh legislative period held in Ukraine on 28 October took place in a peaceful atmosphere without any excesses and in accordance with generally accepted standards. The fiercely contested three-month election campaign was for the most part honest and open. No significant irregularities which could have affected the outcome were recorded during the voting process. This has been confirmed by numerous national and international observers, including Russian representatives of the mission of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the mission sent by the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Although the election results are still preliminary, the main result is already clear – Ukraine has once again confirmed its commitment to the standards of a democratic State governed by the rule of law.

The election process was followed with interest in Russia, and it is sincerely hoped that the results of the election will give an additional impetus to the development of close co-operation between Ukraine and Russia.

Thank you for your attention.