



## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA PERMANENT MISSION OF GEORGIA TO THE OSCE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

## Statement

of the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE,

Ambassador Paata Gaprindashvili

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to inform the OSCE Permanent Council that in accordance with international standards and democratic practices, the Government of Georgia has extended its formal invitation to the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), NATO Parliamentary Assembly, European Parliament, Council of Europe, the member states and the institutions of the European Union to observe the parliamentary elections in Georgia scheduled for October 2012.

We will additionally notify all these institutions on the exact date of the elections once the formal announcement is made. Meanwhile, we are ready to receive the Election Observation Missions at the time of their earliest convenience, despite the fact that no concrete date for the October elections is yet set.

Georgia welcomes observation of the Georgian elections and hereby, let me express full readiness of the Government of Georgia to provide all the necessary support to the international election observers in effectively performing their tasks and duties in Georgia.

Thank you.