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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN KYRGYZSTAN
563RD MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
14 JULY 2005**

Canada took note of the Statement of Preliminary Findings of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) and welcomes the conclusion that the presidential election of July 10 in the Kyrgyz Republic showed tangible progress towards the fulfilment of OSCE commitments and other international standards for democratic elections.

We are encouraged by the fact that the vote counting proceeded expeditiously and peacefully, and we commend the ongoing work of the OSCE and the ODIHR in promoting democratic reform in the country.

We look forward to the OSCE/ODIHR comprehensive final report on the Kyrgyz 2005 presidential election.