



Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE

**Statement by the Netherlands
on ODIHR's Election Assessment Mission report
on the early Parliamentary elections of 9 June 2010**

OSCE Permanent Council, 16 September 2010

Mr. Chairman,

On 9 June this year, Parliamentary elections were held in the Netherlands. In line with OSCE commitments, the ODIHR was invited to observe the elections. Last week, on 9 September, its Election Assessment Mission's report was distributed.

The Netherlands would like to thank the ODIHR for the report. The competent authorities will carefully study its contents, including its observations and recommendations.

I would like to underline the great importance the Netherlands attaches to ODIHR's election observation activities, including its recommendations and their follow-up. In this framework, the Netherlands will plan a follow-up visit by the ODIHR later this year.

In conclusion, we thank the ODIHR for the work done, and we are looking forward to continue our excellent cooperation in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.