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**EU statement on the reactivation of the 1997 Cooperation
Agreement**

The EU thanks the representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for his presentation regarding the co-operation between the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the ODIHR in the field of election observation.

We take note with satisfaction of the recent decision of the Bureau of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to reactivate the 1997 Cooperation Agreement guiding election observation by the OSCE.

We recall the need for close co-operation and partnership between the ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, as stressed in the MC Decision 19/06 and on the basis of their Cooperation Agreement.

We are confident that both institutions will mutually reinforce their complementary roles on the occasion of forthcoming election observation missions.