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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY
INVITATION TO OBSERVE CANADA'S
GENERAL FEDERAL ELECTIONS ON 2 MAY 2011
856TH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
31 MARCH 2011**

Mr. Chairperson,

We wish to inform the Permanent Council that on the 26th of March 2011, a General Federal Election was called in Canada for May 2nd 2011.

In accordance with our Copenhagen and Istanbul commitments, the Government of Canada, on behalf of Canada's Chief Electoral Officer, is pleased to *invite observers to our elections from other participating States, the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and appropriate institutions and organizations that wish to observe our election proceedings.*

We would request that any OSCE participating State as well as OSCE institutions interested in observing this General Election contact the Delegation of Canada to the OSCE as soon as possible.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.