



**Statement by the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the International Organisations in Vienna in accordance with the upcoming regional elections in Slovakia at the OSCE Permanent Council
5 September 2013**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that elections to Bodies of Self-Governing Regions will be held in Slovakia on 9 November 2013.

In line with OSCE conclusions adopted in Copenhagen and Istanbul, Slovakia had informed and invited OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to consider sending an observation mission to these elections.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.