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On the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan

Madam Chairperson,

We congratulate Kyrgyzstan on the successful holding of the parliamentary elections on 4 October.

More than 600 experts from 49 international organizations monitored the election campaign and voting. Representatives from Russia played an active role in observing the elections as part of the mission sent by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and under the auspices of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

The statement by the CIS observers confirmed that the elections were fully in keeping with Kyrgyz legislation and generally recognized international electoral standards. The campaign was properly organized, and voting proceeded in a calm environment. There were isolated violations, but they did not have any impact on the outcome of the voting.

On the whole, the preliminary findings of other international organizations contain similar conclusions, which is a rare occurrence. This is testimony to the need for closer co-operation among the observation missions of different organizations, including between the CIS and the OSCE/ODIHR.

The President of Russia, Mr. Vladimir Putin, congratulated the Kyrgyz leadership on the successful conclusion of the election campaign. He noted that the elections in Kyrgyzstan were held at the highest level, according to all the canons and traditions of democratic countries, which is fully consistent with all the requirements of international organizations. Furthermore, Mr. Putin emphasized that the current relations between our countries offer a good basis for their further development both in a bilateral format and within international organizations.

Thank you for your attention.

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