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## **S T A T E M E N T**

***by Mr. Artan Canaj, Deputy Head of Mission of Albania,  
at the 767<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council, on the  
parliamentary elections in Albania***

***Vienna, 2 July 2009***

Mr. Chairperson,

The Albanian delegation would like to thank the EU and the US delegation for their statements and the encouraging messages regarding the parliamentary elections in Albania, held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

We are very pleased to note that the preliminary assessments by the International Election Observation Mission (OSCE/ ODIHR, OSCE PA, PACE and NATO PA) confirmed tangible progress compared to all previous electoral processes. Indeed this elections marked significant steps forward in terms of electoral infrastructure and the full transparency of the vote count.

The elections were carried out in calm and peaceful atmosphere, but the final assessment can be uttered after the final result is announced by the Central Electoral Commission.

The relevant Albanian authorities are analyzing the preliminary assessment of the IEOM (International Election Observation Mission) and will pay special attention to its findings and conclusions. The Albanian government remains fully committed to all the OSCE commitments as well as to further progress towards the EU integration agenda.

Thank you.