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**STATEMENT BY THE
DELEGATION OF FRANCE AT THE 693rd MEETING OF
THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairman,

Local elections will take place in France on 9 and 16 March 2008, that is in eleven weeks time.

In line with its commitments under the Copenhagen Document, France has invited the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to monitor these elections.