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## **Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

### **EU Presidency statement on the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission to the Russian Presidential elections**

The Presidency regrets that, due to the restrictions contained in the invitation to the 2 March Russian Presidential elections issued by the authorities of RF and subsequent unsuccessful talks between ODIHR and RF authorities, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) was put in a situation where it found it impossible to execute its mandate and cancelled the election observation mission.

The Presidency expresses its full support to the election observation activities of the ODIHR and to the existing standards and commitments under the Copenhagen document.

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