



**United States Mission to the OSCE**  
**Statement on Parliamentary Elections  
in Tajikistan**

As delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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We also take note of the preliminary assessment issued by OSCE/ODIHR on behalf of the observers from ODIHR and the Parliamentary Assembly about the parliamentary elections in Tajikistan. We also noted the assessment on the restrictions of political space and the lack of a level playing field, and we call on the government of Tajikistan to effectively address the concerns raised in the initial report.

We appreciate the engagement of the government of Tajikistan, both with the international observers on the ground, as well as that of the Tajik delegation here in Vienna, and we look forward to working with them to help make the government's stated commitments to reform a reality.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.