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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
INTERVENTION ON THE PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS IN KYRGYZSTAN
693RD MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
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Canada has taken good note of the Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions of the OSCE Election Observation Mission (EOM) on the recent pre-term Parliamentary Elections in the Kyrgyz Republic on 16 December 2007.

Canada notes with appreciation that the Kyrgyz authorities have extended their assistance and cooperation to the OSCE Election Observation Mission. Canada was pleased to send three short term observers.

The EOM statement also points out some positive elements that have transpired in the organization and conduct of the electoral process.

However, we also note with concern that the main conclusion of the statement is that the elections failed to meet a number of OSCE commitments.

We urge Kyrgyzstan to work closely with ODIHR in following up on the recommendations that OSCE/ODIHR will provide, in order to improve the country's electoral process and address the concerns raised in the Statement.