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PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT

by the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting (12 February 2009)

Madam Chairperson,

The Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova would like to inform the Permanent Council that the Parliamentary elections in Moldova will take place on April 5th, 2009.

In line with the Copenhagen commitments, the Moldovan authorities extended an invitation to the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly as well as to the OSCE Participating States to send their observers to monitor the election proceedings.

I would like to use this opportunity to reiterate that the governmental authorities attach great importance to the democratic process and will undertake all necessary measures to provide free and fair conduct of elections.

Thank you Madam Chairperson.