

Statement delivered by the delegation of the Republic of Serbia,
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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the delegation of Serbia, I have the pleasure to inform the distinguished members of the Permanent Council that on November 10th the President of Serbia, Boris Tadic, called general elections in the country for January 21st 2007. Before that, the Serbian Parliament passed the Law on the implementation of the new Constitution. Among other things, the Law requires holding of elections not less than 60 days and not more than 120 days after its adoption. In addition, the Law stipulates that presidential, provincial and municipal elections need to be held by December 21st, 2007, or not less than 60 days after putting in force of the relevant systemic laws.

The Prime Minister of Serbia, Vojislav Kostunica, stressed on November 10th, that the adoption of the Law marked the beginning of the implementation of the new Constitution, which lawmakers had promulgated the day before. The President of Serbia, Boris Tadic described the next elections as crucial for the country's future.

Mr. Chairman,

The ODIHR and other observers interested in the upcoming general elections in Serbia will be officially invited in due time.

I thank you.