

UK intervention on ODIHR's activities including in the field of election observation: speaking points

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- Attended meeting with OSCE PA on 6 October
 - David Heath MP, Head of the IEOM in Bosnia Herzegovina, at recent elections confirmed that ODIHR and PS can work well together. A positive experience. Some improvements could, however, be made.
 - Chairmanship of Permanent Council said this meeting confirmed CiO's confidence in ODIHR's elections observation work.
 - This was also the view of monitors of monitors (De Donnea)
 - Conclusion. Stick to 1997 Cooperation Agreement.

- UK confirms support for/confidence in ODIHR's methodology developed since 1993. Sound, transparent, gold standard among organisations that observe elections.

- Priority is implementation of ODIHR recommendations. Role here for Permanent Council/ representatives of States.

- Not in favour of micro management of autonomous institutions – HCNM, RFM, ODIHR.

- Clarify point of procedure between now and Ministerial Council. Not the Permanent Council's job to prepare a decision on Strohal's report. He will submit directly to Ministers.

- Conclude with role that this debate can be closed down soon. Election observation to continue essentially as at present. States to step up efforts to implement recommendations.