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DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE INTERVENTION UNDER "CURRENT ISSUES," REGARDING $3^{\rm RD}$ FEBRUARY 2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN SERBIA $700^{\rm TH}$ MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL 7 FEBRUARY 2008

Canada wishes to congratulate Serbia and the Serbian people for the successful conduct of the Presidential Election, which was recognized by ODIHR and other international observers as in line with OSCE commitments.

With a significant participation rate of more than 67%, this election is a demonstration of the Serbian people's embrace of democratic principles and values.

We also note with appreciation the co-operation extended by the Serbian authorities, which was helpful in allowing ODIHR and other international observers to monitor the election process in accordance with identified needs, before, during and after the election.

We wish Serbia and its President all the best as they pursue closer ties with the European Union and Euro-Atlantic structures.