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Statement

Warsaw conference of Organization on safety in Europe expresses a serious disturbance a collaboration that in Latvia of Octobers, 2 once again ununiversal elections took place on October 2, 2010 in national parliament (10th Sejm).

A conference marks that on November, 8, 2002 the Special committee of the Parliamentary assembly of CE, estimating taking place in October, 2002 elections in 8th Sejm, acknowledged that from abstention in elections of *non-citizens* there was an of long "duration deficit of democracy" (long - term democratic deficit) in Latvia.

About existence in Latvia of "deficit of democracy" talked also in the Final lecture on parliamentary elections in Latvia of 2002, which on was November, 20, 2002 presented by Bureau on the institutes of democracy and human rights of OSCE.

After elections of 9th Sejm the Limited mission on watching elections of Bureau on democratic institutes and human rights of OSCE and Limited short-term mission on watching elections of the Parliamentary assembly of OSCE in the statement for the press from October, 8, 2006 marked also, that "approximately 400 000 persons, or about 18 percents of population, still save status of "non-sitizens". Non-sitizens have no authority to vote on any elections in Latvia. Circumstance that substantial part of adult population does not have the right to vote, testifies to continuing to take place deficit of democracy".

Realization of elections in the conditions of deficit of democracy had the investigation a decline of level of trust to their results from the side of international structures. Leader of the Limited mission on watching elections of 9th Sejm from Bureau on democratic institutes and human rights of OSCE an ambassador Boris Frlec in this connection marked: The "large impression on me was produced by a wide public trust which is used by the process of elections in Latvia. *However this trust can be full, while citizenship, including voting right, remains a question for considerable part of population*".

In parliamentary elections of Octobers, 2, 2010 in Latvia again not able to participate 344 095 *non-citizens* (15,26 % habitants), from them 65,9 % are Russians (36,5 % Russians of Latvia), and all the representatives of national minorities - 99,6 %. Here absolute majority of *non-citizens* or were born, or live in Latvia 20-30 and more than years.

A conference marks that maintenance of practice of realization of ununiversal elections in Latvia results in discrimination of national minorities in cultural and language spheres, and also in the field of labour. The special alarm is here caused by that maintenance of institute of *non-citizens* assists forming of terms which result in the revival of nazism in Latvia.

Coming from that maintenance of practice of ununiversal elections in Latvia presents a direct and obvious threat to bases of democracy in Europe, as legitimates actual application of double standards to realization of elections in different countries, Warsaw conference of Organization on safety in Europe considers a necessity to do all possible for immediate liquidation in Latvia of institute of *non-citizens* and realizations in this country of the first after 1991 general election in the national organs of power.

With kind regards,

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