



**Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria
to the United Nations, the OSCE and other International Organisations**

Statement by Ambassador Svetoslav Spassov,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria
at the 944th Meeting of the Permanent Council

Vienna, 14 March 2013

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that in accordance with the Decree № 57 of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, issued on 13 March 2013, early parliamentary elections will be held on 12th May 2013.

In line with the Copenhagen commitments, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in accordance with the Decision of the National Assembly adopted on 28 February 2013, has invited the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Participating States to send observers to the elections.

Thank you, Mr.Chairman.