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

Statement regarding follow-up of recommendations contained in the OSCE/ODIHR report on the Presidential and Municipal Elections held in the Republic of Bulgaria in October 2011

As delivered by the Delegation of Bulgaria At the 901<sup>st</sup> session of the OSCE Permanent Council

Vienna, 9 February 2012

Mr. Chairperson,

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to use this opportunity to inform about the following:

On 3 February 2012 the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria held an open debate, within the framework of the Interpellation Procedure, on the Report of the ODIHR Limited Election Observation Mission deployed to my country to observe the 23 and 30 October 2011 Presidential and Municipal Elections.

H.E. Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetanov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, and H.E. Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, also participated in the debate.

The broad discussion held comes to show the significance and value attached by the Bulgarian Government to the conclusions and recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report.

It is worth noting that the debate was finalized by a Decision of the National Assembly (attached to this Statement) which tasks the Legal Affairs Committee within three months to draft proposals in reply to the recommendations contained in the report, as well as the Foreign Minister to inform ODIHR of the actions taken.

Thank you!

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## **REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## DECISION

on the debates on the interpellation forwarded by MPs Georgi Pirinski, Yanaki Stoilov and Maya Manolova to the Foreign Minister Nikolay Mladenov regarding recommendations laid down in the report of the Limited Election Observation Mission deployed by OSCE/ODIHR for the 23 and 30 October 2011 presidential and municipal elections

The National Assembly, pursuant to Article 90 (2) of the Constitution of Bulgaria and Article 92 (1) of its Rules of Organization and Procedure,

## **DECIDED:**

1. Within three months, the Legal Affairs Committee shall draft proposals in reply to the recommendations made in the report of the Limited Election Observation Mission deployed by OSCE/ODIHR for the 23 and 30 October presidential and municipal elections.

2. The Foreign Minister shall inform OSCE/ODIHR of the actions taken.

The resolution was adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> National Assembly on 3 February 2012 and bears the official seal of the National Assembly.

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: (signed) Tsetska Tsacheva

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HEAD OF THE GENERAL CHANCELLERY DEPARTMENT:

(Hrizantema Nikolova)