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Statement on Macedonia's Re-Run of Early Parliamentary Elections

As delivered by Chargé d' Affaires Samuel C. Laeuchli
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States welcomes the news that the re-run of Early Parliamentary elections in Macedonia on June 15th appeared to be substantially better than the June 1st round of elections.

The improved security environment for voters was encouraging; however, we note with disappointment that there were once again serious irregularities in some polling stations.

We urge Macedonia to continue investigating those responsible for the violence and irregularities that characterized the election period. This would demonstrate Macedonia's continuing commitment to democratic values and rule of law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.