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**On the presidential election in Uzbekistan**

Madam Chairperson,

We congratulate our Uzbek friends on the excellent organization and success of the presidential election held on 24 October. The President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, congratulated the President-elect of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, on his convincing victory.

The election also attracted considerable interest abroad – it was attended by some 1,000 foreign observers from 20 international organizations and countries, including Russia. Missions were deployed from the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. They described the election as free, transparent, open, legitimate and having complied with the universal principles governing democratic elections. Delegations from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus and Russia, the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and other regional associations came to similar conclusions.

We also read the review by the International Election Observation Mission, which was made up of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament. Once again, we came across a number of politicized, pretentious and inconsistent conclusions, above all by the ODIHR. Such conclusions are a typical feature in reviews concerning States “east of Vienna”. This is a further reminder of the need to develop common standards for assessing electoral processes in the OSCE area.

Thank you for your attention.