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Statement by Romania to the Permanent Council announcing follow-up activities to ODIHR's election recommendations after the presidential elections of 22nd of November and 6th of December 2009

Romania would like to inform the Permanent Council of the follow-up activities to election recommendations, in line with election-related commitments undertaken notably at the Istanbul Summit.

Following the publication, on the 17th of February 2010, of the Final Report of OSCE/ODIHR Limited Election Observation Mission to the presidential elections in Romania, Romanian authorities invited ODIHR to undertake a visit to follow-up on election recommendations. During the visit of 29-30 April, the ODIHR delegation met representatives of the parliamentary political parties, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Electoral Authority, Non-governmental organizations, the National Audio-Visual Council and exchanged views on the way forward in implementing the election recommendations of the Final Report. The process of consultation among electoral stakeholders that was set in motion by ODIHR's visit is underway.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our high appreciation for ODIHR's input in improving implementation of election-related commitments and our readiness to continue cooperation in this respect.