Agenda item: Any other Business

STATEMENT ON ELECTIONS IN ALBANIA

As delivered by Deputy Head of Mission, to the 553rd Permanent Council, Vienna
28 April 2005

We would like to inform the members of the Permanent Council that the President of Republic of Albania, Mr. Alfred Moisiu has called for general parliamentary election to be held on 3 July 2005. In line with our Copenhagen commitments and pursuant to the letter which the Albanian MFA, Mr. Islami addressed to the CiO, on 14 April 2005, circulated by the Chairmanship under CIO.GAL/53/05 on 25 April 2005, ODIHR has been invited to send an observation mission to these elections.

Participating States that wish to observe these elections are most welcome. We would ask any Participating State that intends to do so to inform the Albanian delegation and/or the Central Election Commission of their plans.