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**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN NORWAY

As delivered by Deputy Head of Delegation
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to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Mr Chairperson,

I would like to inform the members of the Permanent Council that Norway will hold regular elections to the Parliament – Stortinget – and to the Sami Parliament on 9 September 2013. The pilots on Internet voting carried out at the local elections in 2011 have been expanded and comprise 12 municipalities in total.

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Parliamentary Assembly have been duly informed and an invitation has already been extended to both to observe the elections in general and the pilots on Internet voting especially, in accordance with the Copenhagen Commitments of the OSCE and other election-related commitments.

This invitation is hereby also extended to individual participating states who may wish to observe the elections.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.