



DELEGATION OF MALTA TO THE OSCE

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STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR CHRISTOPHER GRIMA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALTA TO THE OSCE ON THE UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN MALTA

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that, following the dissolution of the Maltese Parliament on 4th February 2008, Parliamentary elections will be held in Malta on Saturday 8th March 2008.

In line with our OSCE commitments, Malta has informed the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of this date and invited it to consider the need to send an observation mission.

OSCE Participating States who may wish to observe the elections would also be welcome.

Thank you Mr. Chairman