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## **Statement on the Parliamentary elections in Kosovo**

***by Mr. Artan Canaj, Minister Counselor, Mission of Albania,  
at the 844<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council  
Vienna, 16 December 2010***

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of Albania fully supports the Joint statement made by the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner for enlargement Štefan Füle on Kosovo elections.

Albania welcomes the successful conclusion of the early Parliamentary elections, conducted in Kosovo on 12 December. Albania commends the calmness and order in which the last general elections were held. These are historic elections, since they are the first elections occurring after its independence, entirely organized and administered by its own institutions.

Albania appreciates the high level participation in these polls, as an expression of the choice that each ethnicity and community has made in Kosovo. This means they are determined to solve all their problems through political representation and integration in the Kosovo's legitimate institutions.

These elections are another evidence of functioning of the rule of law and the democratic institutions of Kosovo. These elections mark another victory of Kosovo's citizens on their way of consolidation of the democratic system and building a multiethnic society.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.