



**Buانتوسaireacht na hÉireann**  
**don Eagraíocht um Shlándáil agus Comhar san Eoraip**  
Permanent Mission of Ireland to the  
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

**Statement by Ireland at the 1541<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Council**  
**Report by the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human**  
**Rights (ODIHR)**  
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Chair,

A warm welcome to you, Director Telalian, dear Maria, and thank you for your very comprehensive report.

Ireland aligns with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union. I wish to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

Ireland reiterates its strong and unwavering support for ODIHR's independent mandate. ODIHR is a central pillar of the OSCE's comprehensive concept of security, respect for human rights, and the rule of law. These commitments were undertaken by all 57 participating States and remain essential for peace, stability and prosperity in our region.

ODIHR's mandate, as agreed by all participating States must be fully respected and supported, and indeed funded

ODIHR's expertise and independence are critical to the credibility of the OSCE's work. Its assistance in strengthening democratic institutions, support for human rights defenders, civil society, and work on accountability, are of huge value to all of us.

This includes ODIHR's important contribution to election observation. ODIHR's methodology continues to set the international standard for transparency and impartiality. Ireland was pleased to invite ODIHR to observe the Irish Presidential election which was held on 24 October this year.

We encourage all participating states to engage with ODIHR on election monitoring and to provide adequate notice to allow ODIHR to carry out its vital work.

To conclude, thank you again, Maria, to you and all your team for the vital work you are doing, work that is perhaps important now than ever. As you said earlier, dialogue on human rights is never easy but it is always necessary.

Thank you Chair.