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EU Statement in support of ODIHR's engagement in Azerbaijan

Parliamentary elections took place on 1 November 2015 in the Republic of Azerbaijan. ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly did not observe these elections and our position on this issue is well-known.

The European Union supports elections based on international standards, conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner. We reiterate our full support for the mandate and autonomy of ODIHR and its election observation methodology, which is equally applied in all participating States. We call on the Azerbaijani authorities to cooperate with ODIHR, to make best use of the assistance it offers, and to implement previous ODIHR recommendations.

The European Union looks forward to continuing cooperation with Azerbaijani institutions, including the newly elected Parliament, to the benefit of all citizens.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.