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**Statement by Ambassador Gea Rennel,
Permanent Representative of Estonia**

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that on 4 March 2007 parliamentary elections will be held in Estonia.

In line with our Copenhagen commitments, Estonia invites observers from other participating States, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and appropriate institutions and organizations that wish to do so to observe our election proceedings.

Let me also bring to your attention that electronic voting via internet will be provided for during a limited period prior to the election day. Given the interest demonstrated by the Participating States in capacity building on the use of information technology in the election process, Estonia stands ready to share the experience gathered in this field over the past few years.

Thank you Mr. Chairman