

Mr. Chair,

I have the honor to inform the Permanent Council of the results of our General Elections, that were held on Sunday, November 11, 2012.

The Coalition named "San Marino Bene Comune" won with 50,70% of the votes.

The new Great and General Council (our Parliament) will be therefore composed by

21 members of "Partito Democratico e Cristiano sammarinese - Noi Sammarinesi"

10 members of "Partito dei socialisti e dei democratici"

7 members of "Partito Socialista"

5 members of "Unione per la Repubblica"

5 members of "Sinistra Unita"

4 members of "Alleanza Popolare"

4 members of "Civico dieci"

4 members of "Rete"

for a total of 60 members.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to thank ODIHR for sending a Need Assessment Mission to San Marino on October 17-19.

While we appreciate ODIHR's report on the preparation for our elections, we regret having received the advance copy very late on Friday afternoon before the Election Day. This did not allow the relevant authorities to analyse the report and make their own contribution before its publication, 24 hours later.

In the future, we would appreciate a more timely presentation of the report in order to enable us to have a real exchange of views on it.

San Marino authorities will take into serious consideration the recommendations and suggestions expressed in the Report about our electoral laws and procedures and we assure ODIHR of our full cooperation on these matters.

The first meeting of our new Parliament took place on November 21st, 2012, from then on, negotiations have started in order to appoint the new Cabinet.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.