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**Invitation for OSCE/ODIHR
to Observe the Local Government Elections of May 8th 2011 in Albania**

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Delivered at the Permanent Council Meeting by Ambassador Gilbert Galanxhi

***Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Colleagues,***

As required by the Albanian Constitution and subsidiary legal framework, the President of the Republic of Albania, H.E. Mr. Bamir Topi, has decreed the date for holding the regular local government elections in May 8th 2011.

The Government of Albania has started all necessary legal and logistics preparations, including a very broad round table with all interested political parties and civil society organizations with the aim of improving the Electoral Code in full compliance with the recommendations made by OSCE/ODIHR, in order to have a successful electoral process and fulfil the highest democratic standards.

Recognizing the importance of the certification of democratic elections, and attaching the greatest attention and commitment to fulfil the highest democratic standards, the Government of Albania officially invites the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), as the specialized institution for such purpose, as well as all the Participating States, to observe the local government elections of May 8th 2011 in Albania. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania is also going to address a letter to the ODIHR Director, Mr. Lenarcic, on the very same issue.

The Albanian Government and the relevant institutions remain committed to offer the maximal cooperation to the OSCE/ODIHR team in fulfilling their mission.

Thank You Mr. Chairman.