



**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

**JOINT STATEMENT ON ODIHR'S ELECTION OBSERVATION  
METHODOLOGY**

As delivered by Counsellor Hilde Austad  
to the Permanent Council,  
Vienna, 27 April 2017

Thank you, Mr Chair,

I am speaking on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway.

ODIHR was tasked to develop the highest standards of election observation. Their approach includes sending a Needs Assessment Mission to determine the need for election observers. This methodology is applied in the same way in all participating States. We reiterate our full support for ODIHR's election observation methodology.

Mr Chair,

To continue fulfilling its mandate on election observation ODIHR needs sufficient resources. It is up to all of us to ensure a timely and adequate budget for ODIHR.

Thank you, Mr Chair.