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Buantoscaireacht na hÉireann don Eagraíocht um Shlándáil agus Comhar san Eoraip Permanent Mission of Ireland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

## Statement by Ireland at the 1496<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Council On the upcoming general election in Ireland, scheduled for 29 November 2024 14 November 2024

Madam Chair,

The Delegation of Ireland wishes to inform the Permanent Council that parliamentary elections will be held in Ireland on 29 November 2024.

On 8 November, the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE circulated a Note Verbale to invite the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and OSCE participating States to observe the election proceedings, in line with our commitments under provisions 5.1 and 8 of the Copenhagen Document, paragraph 25 of the Charter for European Security and OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 19/06.

Ireland takes this opportunity to express full support for ODIHR's election methodology. A Needs Assessment Mission has already been conducted and Ireland awaits the findings and recommendations therein.

Thank you.