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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AUSTRIA AT THE
MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

24 July 2008

**Announcement of the Austrian National Assembly elections
to be held on 28 September 2008**

Mr. Chairman,

The Austrian delegation to the OSCE wishes to inform the Permanent Council that elections to the Austrian National Assembly (*Nationalrat*) will take place on 28 September 2008.

In accordance with the commitments set out in the Copenhagen Document, Austria hereby invites the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and its participating States to send international election observers.

The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) has been invited, in a separate letter to its director, Mr. Janez Lenarčič, to observe these parliamentary elections.