



**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF PORTUGAL
TO THE OSCE.**

**Statement by the Portuguese Head of Delegation
at the 580th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
17th November 2005**

I would like to inform the members of the Permanent Council that Presidential elections will be held in Portugal on Sunday 22nd January 2006. In case of a second round between the two front runners, it will take place on Sunday 12th February 2006.

In line with our Copenhagen commitments, I have informed the Director of the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights about this event and invited him to consider the need to send an observation mission to these elections. OSCE Participating States that wish to observe these elections are most welcome.

Thank you