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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BELGIUM AT THE  
982nd MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to inform the Permanent Council that federal and regional elections are to take place in Belgium on 25 May 2014. As previously mentioned by the representative of the European Union, on that same day, 25 May 2014, European elections will also be held in Belgium.

In the spirit of the commitments made under the 1990 Copenhagen Document, the Belgian Government invites the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the participating States to send an election observation mission to these elections if they so wish.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.