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**Statement to Permanent Council, 7 April 2005: UK General Election**

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Tony Blair, has announced that a general election will be held in the United Kingdom on Thursday, 5 May 2005.

In line with our Copenhagen and Istanbul commitments, we have informed the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, and invited them to consider the need to send an observation mission to these elections.

Participating States who may also wish to observe these elections would be welcome.