



Permanent Council of 11 October 2012

Joint Response to Riccardo Migliori, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

Grazie, signore presidente.

Parlo per conto del Liechtenstein, del Canada, della Norvegia e della Svizzera.

Benvenuto all'onorevole Presidente dell'Assemblea parlamentare. E un grande piacere di salutarLa oggi al Consiglio permanente.

The role of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE is undoubtedly an important one. You add the people's voice to our work. And you are able to bring the OSCE closer to people back home.

We very much appreciate the work done by the PA, especially regarding the observation of elections. Observation and support of democratic elections are a core business of the OSCE. They are of common concern to the PA as well as to the ODIHR. Both the PA and the ODIHR have complementary roles to play. Each institution adds its particular expertise in the election process for the benefit of the participating States observed. For this reason, we expect you to work hand in hand.

As we have seen on numerous occasions, election observation missions are at their best when based on a truly cooperative partnership between the participating institutions and benefiting entirely from their respective strengths. The high credibility enjoyed by OSCE election observation missions will thereby be maintained.