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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR RAUF ENGİN SOYSAL
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On the Upcoming Early Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Turkey
(1183rd Meeting of the Permanent Council, 26 April 2018)**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform the Permanent Council that early Presidential and Parliamentary Elections will be held in Turkey on Sunday, 24 June 2018. If necessary, a possible second round of the Presidential Election will take place two weeks later, on 8 July 2018.

Pursuant to its relevant commitments under the 1990 Copenhagen Document and the 1999 Istanbul Document, the Government of the Republic of Turkey invites the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, as well as OSCE participating States who may wish to do so, to observe the election proceedings.

Thank you.