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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND AT THE
910th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Regarding facilitation of voting in Kosovo in the Serbian elections

Mr. Chairperson,

I also speak on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

We welcome the positive conclusion of negotiations on the facilitation of voting in Kosovo in the Serbian elections. The agreement testifies to the goodwill of all concerned. We should like to thank the Chairmanship and the OSCE Secretariat, particularly the Secretary General, for their untiring efforts in the negotiations, without which the good result would not have been possible. At the same time, the agreement also testifies to the importance of the OSCE and its ability to make an effective contribution to stability in the region.

We are convinced that all offices responsible for these elections will support the facilitation by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo in all conscience. Express thanks are also due to the Kosovan side, the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) for their commitment regarding the security environment of election facilitation centres.

We look forward to continuing the fruitful co-operation with Serbia, also with a view to preparation for the successive OSCE Chairmanships of Switzerland and Serbia.

Thank you.