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**Resolution
of the Conference of the National Platform
of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership
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Anent the securement of freedom of the election process

On 23 September 2012, in Belarus, there will be elections in the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus. This considerable for the whole country event can become another opportunity for changes in the direction of democracy and securement of fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens of Belarus.

Participants of the Conference of the National Platform of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership underline that the democratic legitimacy is a basis of good governance; transparent and fair elections guarantee the legitimacy of and trust to the state institutions, which are necessary for the implementation of reforms.

The EU program "Eastern Partnership", which part is the Civil Society Forum, supports reforms, as a result of which the partner countries will have political systems based on the principles of democracy, market economy, and rule of law. None of which can be reached without free and fair elections.

Participants of the Conference draw attention to the appeal of deputies of the European Parliament and parliaments of the countries-participants of the Eastern Partnership, which are members of the Parliamentary Assembly Euronest, about the necessity to provide freedom, justice, and a democratic character of elections according to the OSCE standards.

Supervision over elections is a necessary element of a democratic election process. We address to participants of the National Platform and civil society organizations with a request of steadfast and impartial monitoring of the whole election process.

Participants of the Conference insist on the Belarusian authorities' performance of the international standards and Belarus' obligations during the carrying-out of the parliamentary election campaign and welcome the necessary steps aimed at providing the freedom of activity of international and national observers.