

PRESS RELEASE

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The Parliamentary delegates from the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly, meeting in Moscow on the morning of Monday 13 December, concluded unanimously that based on their limited investigation, the elections and the referendum were, on the whole, conducted in a free and fair manner.

The Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the CSCE, consisting of over 40 parliamentarians from more than 20 countries, observed and monitored the first multi-party elections and the referendum on the constitution in the Russian Federation on 12 December 1993.

After two days of meetings and briefings in Moscow, the delegates monitored the preparations and conduct of the elections in Moscow, Kazan, Nizhny Novgorod, Ryazan, Tula and Tver and their surrounding areas. They met with authorities, many candidates, the media and voters and visited about two hundred polling-stations. They also monitored the counting of votes in several selected stations.

Based on their findings, the delegates concluded unanimously that the elections and the referendum were, on the whole, carried out in a free and fair manner.

A more detailed report will be issued later. This report will be considered by the Standing Committee of the CSCE Parliamentary Assembly, meeting on 17 January 1994 in Copenhagen.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the CSCE would like to thank the Central Electoral Commission for their considerable help in giving access for our parliamentarians to visit any place and raise any questions on matters they considered important.

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