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OSCE Chairman-in-Office Supports Election Process in Montenegro

Warsaw, 1 June 1998. — The Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Polish Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek, welcomes the Preliminary Assessment of the OSCE Election Observation Mission in Montenegro. Mr. Geremek said the election process has shown that the people of Montenegro have been able to freely exercise their right to vote.

The OSCE Chairman-in-Office calls on all parties to fully respect the outcome of the elections and work at establishing a climate of dialogue and trust in Montenegro.

Mr. Geremek believes these elections represent an important step for democracy in the whole of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and that they will contribute to maintaining stability in the region.

The OSCE stands ready to further support Montenegro in its efforts to consolidate its democratic institutions. The Chairman-in-Office urges the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to respond constructively to the offers made by the OSCE and the international community.