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France takes this opportunity to welcome the appointments of Mr Thomas Greminger as Secretary General, Mrs Ingibjörg Gísladóttir as the new Director of the ODIHR and Mr Lamberto Zannier as High Commissioner for National Minorities.

France will continue to give its full support to the activities of the OSCE and its institutions, including full respect for their mandate, autonomy and resources. Source: french Ministry of Europe

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