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## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

## Response to Address by the Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States, H.E. Halil Akinci

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly to the Permanent Council, Vienna December 20, 2012

The United States warmly welcomes you, Secretary General Akinci, to the Permanent Council. We thank you for your remarks.

We commend the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States efforts to advance the basic principles of democracy, respect for human rights, rule of law, and good governance. We look forward to cooperating with the Turkic Council in a common effort to promote peace and comprehensive security in our region and the world.

We thank you again for your report and wish you well in your important work in promoting regional cooperation.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.